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# The Maine Campus

Style: Singles can say it loud, say it proud



The unattached have lots of options on the day of cupids and candy

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From cute to creepy and all points betwixt, love from UMaine, bewildered, bewitched

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Black Bears fall to Friars, rebound at No. 7 UMass Lowell with five games remaining

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## Obama floats linking funds to performance

University system personnel wary of president's stated plan

By Jamison Cocklin  
State Editor

Educators and administrators across the country have turned a wary eye toward a proposal rolled out by the Obama administration that would tie colleges' eligibility for campus-based aid programs to an institution's ability to limit costs and improve efficiency.

In the University of Maine System, administrators share that concern, saying while the president has a worthy goal, his plans may lead to higher costs for universities that could be passed to students.

The proposal, unveiled shortly after President Barack Obama delivered his State of the Union address last month, appears to be aimed at tamping down federal college loan

debt, which over the last decade has more than doubled from \$41 billion to \$103 billion, according to a recent report released by the College Board.

Though they have not en-

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tirely resisted the merit of the president's proposal, administrators have expressed a degree of skepticism as they await further details from the White House, which is expected to announce the finer points of the plan later this week.

In an effort to shift some of the burden from students to the public colleges and uni-

versities across the country, responsible for educating 70 percent of the nation's students, Obama has suggested punishing schools that fail to curb tuition costs by withholding certain federal financial aid, and instead shift those funds to schools who succeed in increasing affordability.

Specifically, the reform plan calls for establishing a \$1 billion fund to provide grants to states that improve graduation rates and reduce costs. Federal funding for Perkins loans — need-based loans with a 5 percent fixed interest rate and a longer grace period — would increase from \$1 billion to \$8 billion under the president's proposal.

The president has also called for a substantial fund-

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## Campus tobacco ban yields 3 January referrals

By Brittany Toth  
Local Editor

The University of Maine's Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative has been a mandatory policy since the beginning of the semester.

But since Jan. 1, the ban has caused only



File photo by Christie Edwards • Staff Photographer  
Since Jan. 1, 2012, smoking on campus has been prohibited. If individuals are found to be smoking on campus, they are given a referral to Judicial Affairs. So far, only three tobacco-related referrals have been administered this semester.

three referrals for cigarette use, according to David Fiacco, director of Community Standards, Rights and Responsibilities.

"We think it's going very well," said Dean of Students Robert Dana. "There's been another substantial decline in smoking-related behaviors."

The updated policy introduced stricter enforcement and mandatory compliance. Dana said more students and faculty have been asking for help quitting tobacco products.

"That was sort of the plan from the public health perspective," Dana said. "We expected people probably would be fully invested in the change process."

"We hoped that people would come forward if they needed some help," he continued. "It seems to be working."

Fiacco said any marijuana violation on campus is also considered a violation of the tobacco-free policy. There have been 38 marijuana-related referrals to Judicial Affairs since Jan. 1.

Despite these numbers, Fiacco thinks it is too soon to say whether the initiative has been effective; however, he thinks it has been successful on a short-term basis.

"I can only speak anecdotally, in that I have not seen as much smoking on campus," he said. "Of course, we are seeing more referrals because now it's a policy violation."

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Chris Chase • Staff Reporter

University of Maine volunteers reassemble the playing field after a two-minute match in the VEX Robotics Competition at the Bangor Auditorium on Feb. 11. Competitors aimed to get the correctly colored items into their teams' goals, with frantic determination to move as quickly as possible.

## UM students foster robotic creativity

Bangor competition spotlights mechanical prowess with Black Bears as guides

By Chris Chase  
Staff Reporter

The Bangor Auditorium was filled with sounds of whirring motors Saturday as the University of Maine hosted the fourth VEX Robotics Competition held in the state.

VEX — an international robotics corporation that designs competitions for middle school, high school and college students — is focused on building complex robots that are able to compete in game arenas. The challenge changes each year, forcing students to come up with creative designs in an attempt to win the competition.

Sponsored by the UMaine

College of Engineering and Fairchild Semiconductor, the event hosted 25 teams from across New England.

"There's nothing better than to imagine something, build it and make it work," said Dana Humphrey, dean of the College of Engineering. "Competitions like this get students interested in engineering."

This year's competition, titled "Gateway," centered on picking up and moving rubber balls and plastic barrels and placing them into vertical cylinders. Teams pair up in alliances of two and compete against another alliance, trying to score the most points by the end of a two-minute period. The alliance with the most

points at the end of the round wins.

"There's a bit of strategy in it," said David Hart, event director and UMaine student. "Some of these teams are very into it."

The challenge takes place in an arena divided into a blue section and a red section. The sections are mirror images of each other, and teams work on opposite sides of the arena to score points.

Teams can use different barrels to achieve different point values. For example, white barrels, known as "doubblers," will double the score of any cylinder they are placed in. Black barrels will negate the score in a cylinder of the opposing

team's, if placed in a cylinder in the opposing team's section.

In addition to the sport aspect, judges examine competitors' robots and give them grades based on the efficiency and creativity of the designs.

The events have been increasing in size and scope for several years, primarily thanks to the efforts of the students involved.

"There is a lot of growth in Maine," Hart said. "A lot of people say that our events are the best they've been a part of."

Typically there are two events each year, one in the Bangor region and one in the

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## Bangor eyes market after Orono success

By Claire Carter  
Copy Editor

BANGOR — A new, year-round farmers market will likely open for business in the city this spring, and those heading up the project say they're looking to mimic Orono's successes in the "buy local" movement.

The Bangor Farmers Market has a core group of 13 founding-member farms that have been participating in the planning process by adopting bylaws, setting fees, electing leaders and negotiating with the city to use property for the market.

The group is working with the Bangor City Council to move the project forward, according to Shirar Patterson, Bangor's business and economic development officer.

"The city council is pretty supportive of it, but it's a formal process," Patterson said. "They want to enter into a long-term agreement with the city, so they have to have a formal agreement to do that."

Success of the "buy local" movement, which urges consumers to weigh the origins of products when making a purchase, can be seen in multiple farmers markets in the area, including one in Orono held in the University of Maine's Steam Plant parking lot in the summer and the Pine Street parking lot behind Pat's Pizza in the winter.

Patterson said she hopes

college students will take advantage of the new market after being exposed to Orono's.

"I think more and more college students are seeking out these markets to support local businesses and to really eat healthy themselves," she said. "In Orono, having the market right there is a great asset for students, and we hope to be able to capitalize [on] that here in Bangor too."

Farmers hope to set up shop on June 3, "as long as the timeline works with all the city approvals," Patterson said.

"In the next week or so, they will be putting out an application to [other] farmers to join the market as well," she said.

Applications are due by April 1, and the group of participating farmers will be finalized in mid-April.

The market will be held on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. in downtown Bangor. Patterson said the results of a community survey helped to determine where the new market should be located.

"We looked at a number of different options throughout the community, including by the mall area, and did a survey of the community" to see where shoppers would prefer a farmers market, Patterson said. "Overwhelmingly, people wanted it to be downtown."

Patterson said the farmers' preferred location is Abbott Square, "across from the Ban-

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# Senate candidate speaks at College Dems meeting



**File photo**  
Rep. Jon Hinck, D-Portland, addresses the University of Maine Student Government General Student Senate last fall. Hinck is running in the Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate seat held by Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe.

**By Travis Poulin**  
*For The Maine Campus*

Jon Hinck, candidate for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Sen. Olympia Snowe, spoke to students at a University of Maine College Democrats meeting in UMaine’s Memorial Union on Friday about his plans to work toward taking money out of politics and applying it to sustainable energy for Maine.

Hinck, D-Portland, is currently a lawyer and a member of the Maine House of Representatives. He is optimistic about the upcoming election and is confident he can win the seat away from Snowe, who is running for re-election.

Snowe has served various positions in the Maine Congressional delegation since 1979, and some say her lengthy history and deep ties to voters may make her difficult to beat on primary or general election ballots.

However, Amy Fried, an associate professor of political science at UMaine, said in November that Snowe’s recent tendency to vote more in line with Republicans in the Senate contradicted the idea that she had become too moderate.

At the same time, Maine voters appear to be losing in-

terest in the Tea Party, which is known for its ultra-conservative views. Fried suggested that Snowe and Republican voters were inching toward each other on the political spectrum last fall, which may benefit Snowe in the Republican primary.

“Maine voters are very rational,” Hinck said. “The fact that people said Olympia is unbeatable is probably good because I don’t think Maine voters like to be told their vote isn’t necessary to decide an outcome.”

Hinck, running against former Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap and state Sen. Cynthia Dill for the Democratic nomination, grew up in New Jersey and has experience working on environmental issues in his career.

He is a co-founder of Greenpeace USA, an international environmental organization, and he works on issues concerning global warming, nuclear waste and toxic chemicals.

One of his most public actions in defense of the environment occurred when he “climbed a smoke stack for an acid rain and heavy metal pollution protest,” he said.

He spent time teaching English in Iran and has held

the position of acting attorney general for the Republic of Palau, an island nation in the Pacific Ocean.

He said Maine government has become “less open” in the last few years, and he wants this to change. Hinck also said it is now “harder for ordinary citizens to get something done” in government.

As a lawyer, Hinck says that most of his clients are “ordinary people,” and the defendants he fights on their behalf have “deep pockets.” He is not afraid to take on any large business or corporation, having fought legal battles against organizations such as Pfizer, Goldman Sachs, Walmart, ExxonMobil, Chase and Morgan Stanley.

He feels that people still have power in government today.

“Look what people did a couple weeks ago when they protested regulation of the Internet,” he said, referring to bills proposed in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives that many felt would have effectively limited Internet freedom in the name of preventing piracy.

The House’s Stop Online Piracy Act and the Senate’s Protect IP Act were denounced online by such Internet giants as Wikipedia and Google as indirect censorship, and they outlined ways for people to protest Congress’ ideas.

Hinck said he would have absolutely voted against the war in Iraq and former President George W. Bush’s tax cuts.

“Big money is dictating more and more of our government,” he said.

He said he also disagrees with more recent tax cuts, which were introduced last spring, in which “people that were making \$350,000 per year got a \$2,800 tax cut, while people who were making \$30,000 got a tax cut on the order of \$12.00.”

“People want our representatives to see. They want them to experience real life and have understanding from real life,” he continued. “In this last year we have seen Senator Olympia Snowe vote against the Obama job bill that would have created 5,000 jobs in Maine.”

One of his main sources of motivation for running for Senate, he told UMaine students, is the idea that his generation has not done what it can to prepare the nation for its children.

“I honestly thought that my generation was going to leave things a little bit better,” he said. “Almost no one believes we are leaving it better.”



**Photo courtesy of the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium**  
“The Islands of Maine” by Jhon Gogaberishvili of the Republic of Georgia, displayed on the University of Maine at Machias campus, was created during the 2009 Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, a biennial competition bringing together eight artists from around the world. The 2011 symposium will be held this summer at the University of Maine.

# International sculptors vie for 8 slots at symposium

**By Anne Chase**  
*For The Maine Campus*

The University of Maine will host the fourth Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium this summer.

The symposium will select eight sculptors from around the world to come to Maine and work from July 22 to Aug. 31. As of Jan. 31, more than 170 people have submitted applications to be selected for the symposium. Artists will work in the Steam Plant parking lot off College Avenue, and the site will be open to the public to watch them sculpt granite from local quarries.

“This is a huge opportunity for the University of Maine,” said Elaine Clark, UMaine executive director of Facilities, Real Estate and Planning, in a press release.

Clark is overseeing fundraising and organization for the symposium.

“We’re using an art form to bring quite a bit of activity into Orono and the UMaine campus at a time when it’s normally very quiet,” she said. “We hope there will be an economic impact for the university and the whole area. In addition, our students will have the opportunity to participate through course work and apprenticeships.”

There will be a six-week course offered alongside the symposium. It is open to the public and will be led by Greg Ondo, an assistant professor and sculpture studio technician at UMaine.

According to the course syllabus, “students should be comfortable designing and working with their hands.” Students will use the techniques they learn to carve their own stone and work alongside the symposium’s artists to learn the craft.

Matt Foster, a fifth-year studio art student with a concentration in sculpture, is one of the chief interns for SISS. This will be his second year participating in the symposium.

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Last summer, Foster worked mostly with Japanese artist Hitoshi Tanaka. Tanaka’s limited English posed a language barrier that made working with him challenging, Foster said.

“With something like this, you need to know exactly what the artist wants,” he said. “It’s such a permanent medium.”

Understanding the creative process of each artist is another teaching moment in the symposium. During the beginning of last summer’s symposium, Foster was assigned to work with Maine artist Kazumi Hoshino.

According to Foster, Hoshino spends a lot of time planning her sculpture. After he worked to help Hoshino “rough out” her sculpture, Hoshino told Foster that she needed space

to decide her next steps and continued working alone.

Foster said the experience was life-changing.

“Everything from my work ethic to the basic aesthetics has been influenced by Tanaka as well as the other sculptors,” he said.

Chief interns will be responsible for guiding new interns. Both worked at last summer’s symposium and are familiar with the safety procedures, tools and the process to move the stones from place to place. Interns are selected from universities around the state.

Donations and grants to the University of Maine are expected to raise \$140,000 for the project.

Each of the participating area communities — the town of Orono, the cities of Bangor and Old Town, Husson University and Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems — will raise a minimum of \$20,000, which will be added to a pool for covering costs for equipment, facilities and housing.

UMaine will receive two sculptures to display on campus, and the University of Maine Foundation will receive another. Currently, the only confirmed display site is Nutting Hall. The other five sculptures will be installed in the Greater Bangor area.

According to a press release, this is the first year institutions rather than municipalities will account for more than half of the participating groups.

# Police Beat

**The best from UMaine’s finest**

**By Beth Kevit**  
*News Editor*

**Mon-gone**  
The University of Maine Police Department received a report of a theft at 9:03 a.m. Feb. 8. A black 21-speed Mon-goose bicycle worth an estimated \$50 was stolen at some point between Feb. 7 and Feb. 8. It had been left unlocked outside Boardman Hall.

**Pilfered permit**  
UMPD received a report of a theft at 10:49 a.m. Feb. 6. A commuter parking pass was stolen sometime during the week. A replacement pass costs \$25.

**Noisy nightcaps**  
A UMPD officer on foot patrol on the first floor of Knox Hall at 10 p.m. Feb. 4 heard excessive noise coming from a room. The officer found a 19-year-old male, an 18-year-old male and several other males in the room who admitted to drinking. The 19-year-old and

the 18-year-old were referred to Judicial Affairs, and alcohol was confiscated from the room.

**Closed door policy**  
UMPD received a report of the odor of marijuana coming from a first-floor room in Somerset Hall at 8:31 p.m. Feb. 7. No one was in the room when the officer arrived, and the resident was called to the room. The resident consented to a search of his person but not of his room. The officer found nothing on the resident, but the odor of marijuana coming from the room was clear. The resident was referred to Judicial Affairs.

**Preempted exemptions**  
UMPD received a report of fraud at 4:02 p.m. Feb. 8. A female resident of Somerset Hall told police the Internal Revenue Service informed her that someone had attempted to file an income tax return using her identity and that the Federal Trade Commission has been in contact with the IRS about it.

# University of Maine Briefs

**Maine studies awards**  
The Maine Studies program is offering two student awards funded by the University of Maine Foundation. The \$250 awards are available to one undergraduate and one graduate student in recognition of Maine-related research. Those who wish to submit projects should send them to the Maine Studies Awards Committee, 323 Chadbourne Hall, by March 30. Papers should not be longer than 30 pages. Projects must have been written after January 2011. Winners will be announced in April. For more information, call the Maine Studies office at 581-3147.

**A doozy of a daffodil**  
The American Cancer Society is selling flowers for its 2012 Daffodil Days. A \$15 donation is rewarded with a bunch of daffodils in a vase. Checks should be made out to The American Cancer Society, and orders must be placed by Feb. 27. Delivery will begin on March 19. Those interested should contact Victoria Kane on FirstClass.

**Virtually employed**  
The Virtual Environment and Multimodal Interaction Lab will pay \$10 an hour for participation in research. The lab is located on campus, and research slots generally last an hour. Those interested can look at current projects and sign up to help at <http://studyscheduler.cocogeo.com/lab/vemi-lab>. Contact Nicholas Giudice at [giudice@spatial.maine.edu](mailto:giudice@spatial.maine.edu) for more information.

**No boys allowed**  
A Women’s Health Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 14 in the Memorial Union. The fair is sponsored by the President’s Council on Women and will include information tables, health screenings, raffles, massages and food.

**Cake balls**  
The UMaine Improv Club will be selling cake balls and other goodies in the Memorial Union on Tuesday to support their trip to study improv groups in Boston over spring break.



# ICY WEATHER COMES IN TIME FOR WINTER CARNIVAL



**Top:** A horse-driven carriage ride prepares to embark on a trip around the UMaine campus during this year's annual Winter Carnival. Rides were free.

**Left and below:** Mike Ciuffetti of the New England-based ice sculpting company Wicked Good Ice fashions a UMaine logo at UMaine's annual Winter Carnival this past weekend.



**By Paul Perkins**  
*Photojournalist*

University of Maine students gathered with family and friends for the annual Winter Carnival on Feb. 10, drawing in many students and participants for the festivities.

One particular event, the "Polar Bear Dip," raised money for the Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club.

Ezra Juskewitch, a brother of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, was one of many to participate in the Polar Bear Dip. Juskewitch was pleased by the way the day's events turned out.

"It's the second year I've done it," he said, shivering after the

swim. "It's kind of an opportunity for campus spirit. It's for a good cause: [the] Boys & Girls Club. It's a great way to bond with everyone here — everyone who gets frozen."

A roaring fire and hot cocoa kept carnival-goers warm as they munched on free doughboys and other snacks. Wicked Good Ice, a New England ice sculpting company, returned to the carnival for a second consecutive year to treat students with some carving showmanship as they used a chainsaw and blowtorch to sculpt a Maine Black Bear logo.

Free horse carriage rides around campus were also part of the day's events.

**Top:** The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi celebrate in ice-cold waters during a "Polar Bear Dip" fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club. The event was one of many held during this year's Winter Carnival at on the UMaine.

**Middle:** Alpha Gamma Rho brothers Travis Cushman, left, and James Fecteau, right, dive into frigid waters as part of a sorority/fraternity "Polar Bear Dip" fundraiser. The event was one of many Winter Carnival events held on the UMaine campus this past weekend. The Polar Bear Dip successfully raised \$1,000 for the Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club.

**Bottom:** Members of the Pi Gamma Delta fraternity run toward ice-cold waters in a "Polar Bear Dip" event to raise money for the Boys & Girls Club. The event was one of many held during this year's Winter Carnival at the UMaine.

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ing increase in campus-based aid such as loans and work study programs, the majority of which would be largely available to schools that comply with the standards of reform.

Ultimately, the measure would require congressional approval and further study, but its initial effect has forced many colleges and universities across the country to take a closer look at their tight budgets, which are already constrained by declining state appropriations and an austere financial climate.

“This is probably not the right timing for this,” said Keith Dubois, the University of Southern Maine’s financial aid director, “but I certainly understand what the president is trying to do. He’s trying to send a message to colleges and universities across the country by telling them they need to get their costs under control.”

“On the other hand, this is something our presidents and administrators have already been debating for a long time now,” he added.

The University of Maine System is similarly considering a link between the way it funds its seven campuses to the performance rates of individual departments and programs throughout the system. Everything from graduation

rates to the academic performance of each department’s students could be up for examination, according to system officials.

But just how the system or the federal government will determine performance standards — and the funding that could potentially be tied to them — is of great concern to many.

“This is one of those things that all comes down to the details,” said Ryan Low, executive director of governmental and external affairs for the system. “If you’re a university

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Peggy Crawford  
Director of financial aid  
University of Maine

and you’ve held down tuition for a year, then you bump it up the next, how is the federal government going to view that? In other words, are they going to look at the whole picture?”

Low, who works in Augusta for the sys-

tem on matters relating to the federal and state governments, said there is a possibility students could be penalized if their institutions fall short of federal guidelines.

In this way, reduced federal financial aid could mean even more costly loans for such students.

“Many times, all the federal government has done is just increase the amount of money students can borrow,” said Peggy Crawford, director of financial aid at the University

of Maine. “That’s not a solution at all.”

Crawford said it was too early to speculate on the proposal, but she added that students are on one side of the equation and the federal government is on the other. Colleges and universities, she said, are in between — something that alarms administrators charged with allocating federal financial aid.

“From a financial aid perspective, if you’re reducing federal funds in any way, there’s a possibility that I have to provide students with costlier options and I just don’t want to do that,” Crawford said.

During his State of the Union address, Obama was candid in his thinking.

“Let me put colleges and universities on notice: If you can’t stop tuition from going up, the funding you get from taxpayers will go down,” he said.

In the weeks since the president announced his plan, public advocacy groups and think-tanks alike have struck a pointed tone.

The American Council on Higher Education told The New York Times that the plan reeks of “price controls,” while the Center on College Affordability and Productivity was cautious in praising the plan by noting the precarious position many colleges and universities find themselves in.

The proposal also highlights plans for what is being called a “shopping sheet,” which would allow prospective students to view a financial aid comparison, postgraduate earnings and employment rates on all public college and university websites.

Among the funding options for the plan are new federal formulas for distributing campus-based aid. An increase in funding for Perkins Loans would be paid for by the interest they accrue, but doubling work study jobs and keeping interest rates down on subsidized Stafford loans would prove to be more costly.

“It’s very early. We’ve been having these discussions at the state level for some time now,” Low said. “And I have been approached by representatives who have detailed questions on the proposal, but at this point it’s just hallway conversation.”

In any event, the plan could prove to be a tough sell for the Obama administration as it pushes ahead into a campaign year that will be marked by battles over the federal budget and the Republicans in Congress looking to find additional savings, as well as no new tax increases.

“What most often happens with these kinds of proposals is, what’s considered at the beginning is a far cry from what actually happens in the end,” Crawford said.

So far, they have done remarkably well for being so new to the competition.

“Last year we qualified for worlds and did well,” Chabot said.

Most of that success has been due to the drive his students have had to do well in the competitions.

“They’re terrific,” Chabot said. “They get really involved. I have to send them home from school.”

It’s easy to tell the event is student-driven, given the enthusiasm that the teams show for the competition.

Francis Leith, a ninth-grader from Yarmouth, initially joined the team after encouragement from friends and has stuck around due to his interest in robotics.

“I’ve always been interested in robotics and this is a great way to get involved with it,” Leith said. “I really like it. I’m going to do it next year.”

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Fiacco said he expects to see more referrals.

Bud Walkup, education specialist for the Alcohol and Drug Education Programs, wrote in an email that no one has been referred to him for a conduct violation for the use of tobacco.

“Approximately six students have requested nicotine gum from me,” he wrote.

According to Walkup, the purpose of the TFC initiative is to “promote health and wellness for employees and students.”

To that degree, he believes the policy has been effective.

“Students and employees are becoming increasingly aware of the benefits of being tobacco-free,” Walkup wrote, “and many are using this as an opportunity to reduce their use or stop altogether.”

“I think with a good public health campaign, what happens over time is that the new expectations sort of become reality,” Dana said.

“Take the seat belt law as an example,” Dana continued. “You ask 100 people, and probably 98 percent will say,

‘Oh, of course, I never even dream about not putting on my seat belt.’”

He believes the initiative will grow stronger in the future and eventually the ideas of using tobacco products at the university won’t cross anyone’s mind. Dana also said he would rather have people support each other with the tobacco-free initiative than get police involved.

“Say somebody were to see someone smoking, they’d go out and say, ‘Hey, do you know that the university has a no-smoking policy?’ [and] not get in anybody’s face, [or be] aggressive about it,” he said.

Dana said he would rather have people go about the initiative that way than have the police tell people they can’t smoke on campus. He recognizes that smoking is a difficult habit to stop, especially if a student or employee wishes to keep smoking off campus.

He said that they can be tactful about the situation without being zealots; however, people will have an idea that it is a non-smoking university.

“The university is many, many, many things,” Dana said. “It’s not just a place where no smoking occurs.”

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gor Public Library,” which was chosen after careful thought about visibility and space for stands and parking.

“A number of considerations when they’re looking at the location are, is there enough space for the farm trucks they bring in for their displays, is there adequate parking for the community members who come to the market, visibility at the market in terms of traffic that’s driving by,” Patterson said. “And for this particular location it’s also been the proximity of businesses and residences.”

Clayton Carter of Fail Better Farm in Etna is the membership coordinator of the Orono Farmers Market and has volunteered to be chairperson of the Bangor Farmers Market Association.

He said a permanent location for the farmers market is an integral step to making a market part of a customer’s routine.

“It’s very, very important that we become part of our customers’ habits,” Carter said. “Whenever you change locations, you disrupt those habits, and it takes time to re-establish them. A permanent location allows a market and its customers to establish habits and stick to them.”

The group also took other

Bangor food and artisans’ markets into consideration, such as the European Farmers Market on Buck Street on Saturdays and the annual summer Outdoor Market in West Market Square on Thursdays.

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ing increase in campus-based aid such as loans and work study programs, the majority of which would be largely available to schools that comply with the standards of reform.

Ultimately, the measure would require congressional approval and further study, but its initial effect has forced many colleges and universities across the country to take a closer look at their tight budgets, which are already constrained by declining state appropriations and an austere financial climate.

“This is probably not the right timing for this,” said Keith Dubois, the University of Southern Maine’s financial aid director, “but I certainly understand what the president is trying to do. He’s trying to send a message to colleges and universities across the country by telling them they need to get their costs under control.”

“On the other hand, this is something our presidents and administrators have already been debating for a long time now,” he added.

The University of Maine System is similarly considering a link between the way it funds its seven campuses to the performance rates of individual departments and programs throughout the system. Everything from graduation

rates to the academic performance of each department’s students could be up for examination, according to system officials.

But just how the system or the federal government will determine performance standards — and the funding that could potentially be tied to them — is of great concern to many.

“This is one of those things that all comes down to the details,” said Ryan Low, executive director of governmental and external affairs for the system. “If you’re a university

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and you’ve held down tuition for a year, then you bump it up the next, how is the federal government going to view that? In other words, are they going to look at the whole picture?”

Low, who works in Augusta for the sys-

tem on matters relating to the federal and state governments, said there is a possibility students could be penalized if their institutions fall short of federal guidelines.

In this way, reduced federal financial aid could mean even more costly loans for such students.

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of Maine. “That’s not a solution at all.”

Crawford said it was too early to speculate on the proposal, but she added that students are on one side of the equation and the federal government is on the other. Colleges and universities, she said, are in between — something that alarms administrators charged with allocating federal financial aid.

“From a financial aid perspective, if you’re reducing federal funds in any way, there’s a possibility that I have to provide students with costlier options and I just don’t want to do that,” Crawford said.

During his State of the Union address, Obama was candid in his thinking.

“Let me put colleges and universities on notice: If you can’t stop tuition from going up, the funding you get from taxpayers will go down,” he said.

In the weeks since the president announced his plan, public advocacy groups and think-tanks alike have struck a pointed tone.

The American Council on Higher Education told The New York Times that the plan reeks of “price controls,” while the Center on College Affordability and Productivity was cautious in praising the plan by noting the precarious position many colleges and universities find themselves in.

The proposal also highlights plans for what is being called a “shopping sheet,” which would allow prospective students to view a financial aid comparison, postgraduate earnings and employment rates on all public college and university websites.

Among the funding options for the plan are new federal formulas for distributing campus-based aid. An increase in funding for Perkins Loans would be paid for by the interest they accrue, but doubling work study jobs and keeping interest rates down on subsidized Stafford loans would prove to be more costly.

“It’s very early. We’ve been having these discussions at the state level for some time now,” Low said. “And I have been approached by representatives who have detailed questions on the proposal, but at this point it’s just hallway conversation.”

In any event, the plan could prove to be a tough sell for the Obama administration as it pushes ahead into a campaign year that will be marked by battles over the federal budget and the Republicans in Congress looking to find additional savings, as well as no new tax increases.

“What most often happens with these kinds of proposals is, what’s considered at the beginning is a far cry from what actually happens in the end,” Crawford said.

So far, they have done remarkably well for being so new to the competition.

“Last year we qualified for worlds and did well,” Chabot said.

Most of that success has been due to the drive his students have had to do well in the competitions.

“They’re terrific,” Chabot said. “They get really involved. I have to send them home from school.”

It’s easy to tell the event is student-driven, given the enthusiasm that the teams show for the competition.

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Smokers from A1

Fiacco said he expects to see more referrals.

Bud Walkup, education specialist for the Alcohol and Drug Education Programs, wrote in an email that no one has been referred to him for a conduct violation for the use of tobacco.

“Approximately six students have requested nicotine gum from me,” he wrote.

According to Walkup, the purpose of the TFC initiative is to “promote health and wellness for employees and students.”

To that degree, he believes the policy has been effective.

“Students and employees are becoming increasingly aware of the benefits of being tobacco-free,” Walkup wrote, “and many are using this as an opportunity to reduce their use or stop altogether.”

“I think with a good public health campaign, what happens over time is that the new expectations sort of become reality,” Dana said.

“Take the seat belt law as an example,” Dana continued. “You ask 100 people, and probably 98 percent will say,

‘Oh, of course, I never even dream about not putting on my seat belt.’”

He believes the initiative will grow stronger in the future and eventually the ideas of using tobacco products at the university won’t cross anyone’s mind. Dana also said he would rather have people support each other with the tobacco-free initiative than get police involved.

“Say somebody were to see someone smoking, they’d go out and say, ‘Hey, do you know that the university has a no-smoking policy?’ [and] not get in anybody’s face, [or be] aggressive about it,” he said.

Dana said he would rather have people go about the initiative that way than have the police tell people they can’t smoke on campus. He recognizes that smoking is a difficult habit to stop, especially if a student or employee wishes to keep smoking off campus.

He said that they can be tactful about the situation without being zealots; however, people will have an idea that it is a non-smoking university.

“The university is many, many, many things,” Dana said. “It’s not just a place where no smoking occurs.”

Market from A1

gor Public Library,” which was chosen after careful thought about visibility and space for stands and parking.

“A number of considerations when they’re looking at the location are, is there enough space for the farm trucks they bring in for their displays, is there adequate parking for the community members who come to the market, visibility at the market in terms of traffic that’s driving by,” Patterson said. “And for this particular location it’s also been the proximity of businesses and residences.”

Clayton Carter of Fail Better Farm in Etna is the membership coordinator of the Orono Farmers Market and has volunteered to be chairperson of the Bangor Farmers Market Association.

He said a permanent location for the farmers market is an integral step to making a market part of a customer’s routine.

“It’s very, very important that we become part of our customers’ habits,” Carter said. “Whenever you change locations, you disrupt those habits, and it takes time to re-establish them. A permanent location allows a market and its customers to establish habits and stick to them.”

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EDITORIAL

# Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative goes up in smoke

They huffed and they puffed. And practically nothing has come of it. As far as the University of Maine is concerned, the house didn't even shudder when the "winds" of a no-tobacco campus blew in.

In fact, only three little piggies have suffered referral to Judicial Affairs, the consequence of the Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative since the beginning of its enforcement at the beginning of this semester — small potatoes considering the girth of the smoking UMaine student, staff and faculty body.

According to Dean of Students Robert Dana, the ban has left airways significantly less hazy. But those not clouded in naïveté know that the only accomplishment the initiative has achieved is aiding smokers in the conception of novel, clever aversion tactics.

Newspapers provide an effective shield for the plumes; elongated sleeves cloak cigarettes. If smoking isn't allowed on campus any longer, many certainly don't heed that rule any mind.

But then again, we haven't been given any motivation to care. There isn't any special guild of enforcers hunting down the smoggers — all that exists are several pretty signs and stickers plastered to and fro, put there more for the sake of prospective students' parents than the current clientele themselves.

It just goes to show how inefficient the Black Bears are at assuming the persona of the big bad wolf as a means of extinguishing a habit that isn't even illegal in this country.

In the same time frame that the Tobacco-Free Initiative has been underway, 38 marijuana violations have been referred to Judicial Affairs. Clearly, the university has been blowing smoke out of the wrong pipe.

Rather than wasting all these resources — exhausting money on futile advertisements and committee overseers — UMaine authorities should transfer their efforts into halting shenanigans actually against the law.

The fact that administrators expect students and staff to turn themselves over for giving into the cinders of nicotine only further accentuates the lazy mentality behind the whole debacle. Smokers are everywhere. As long as they aren't snuffing their stuff in everyone else's face, why on Maine's green campus must this useless restriction continue?

UMaine, you spent all this time and capital on a limitation that few constituents backed, and now you expect them to pick up your slack by adopting the unwanted role of deputy against their own interests.

Swallow your pride and deflate this suffering balloon before the air gets too hot. There are far more productive pursuits worthy of administrative attention than whether or not Billy wants to take a smoke break. Butt out gracefully or risk getting burned.

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## Readers speak: Outstanding web commentary

### Only Ron Paul can accomplish what America needs

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Obama, Romney, Gingrich and Santorum are all the same. Only Ron Paul will try to save this country; only Ron Paul will cut a trillion dollars out of the budget the first year; only Ron Paul will give you sound money; only Ron Paul will roll back the National Defense Authorization Act and the Patriot Act; only Ron Paul will audit the Feds; only Ron Paul will see to it that the federal government stops printing money out of thin air; only Ron Paul will put power back with the states and reduce the size of the government; only Ron Paul will follow the Constitution and only Ron Paul will bring our troops back home from around the world.

If you want to be a slave and destroy your children's chance of having a future, then vote for anyone but Ron Paul. But if you want to have these banksters locked up, giving your children a chance not to be enslaved, you had better vote for Ron Paul.

Dave Infinger  
Responding to "Ron Paul most genuine GOP prospect for 2012," Feb. 9, 2012

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### Performance-based measurements only break hearts, not economic trend

Unless you are hiring qualified people in the fields they are paid to teach, performance measurement is useless.

Hiring people as cheaply as possible and having no concern for the requirements of a major is a real concern for many departments. Look around and see how many faculty members with terminal degrees in their fields — keeping up in their fields — are left.

Next, see how many of the upper-level and even graduate courses are being taught by the less expensive hires. Of course this is a national trend, but it adds insult to injury to think that after good programs are decimated through loss of positions and qualified faculty, they should be subjected to performance criteria.

If there's no understanding of what performance is in a given field, then it would be hard to measure it, wouldn't it? You cannot compare apples and bananas, and the objectives of the professional organization in one field — ACTFL, for languages — are not the same as for other disciplines.

No offense meant, but in some areas the University of Maine is on its last leg. It should not be admitting majors in fields where the programs can no longer be delivered properly.

Ask some of the longtime faculty members who have watched the decline — it breaks our hearts.

Kathleen March  
Responding to "Department heads wary of trustees' push for performance-based funding," Feb. 9, 2012

### Soda tax lacks lasting ability to change obesity problem

A recent opinion piece in The Maine Campus made important observations about the health impact of obesity, but its prescriptions are unlikely to bring significant change ("Battle of the bulge continues to despoil US as obesity looms," Feb. 6).

While the piece wrongly blames sugar, corn syrup, sugary foods and beverages as unique culprits, it rightly points out what really gets people into trouble: eating too much, not getting enough physical activity and not including sufficient, healthy food choices in the overall diet.

I am a registered dietitian and I see first-hand the challenges patients face with weight. Based on my experience and research, I don't believe a soda tax will work to effectively address the obesity crisis. Taxing one industry or one particular product creates an idea that there is a simple solution, but the reality of obesity is much more complex.

In my practice, I teach individuals and companies like Coca-Cola the importance of personal choice and encourage moderation in the diet. I think my proactive approach to shaping lifestyle rather than relying on the government to fix problems is a more cost-effective, well-rounded and lasting solution to a long-standing issue.

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# Competitive spirit mustn't wane at hospitality's expense



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**BRUCE PRATT**

In the past 12 months, I've attended scores of University of Maine sporting events, including the football team's second-round FCS playoff game at Georgia Southern University. During the flight home I reflected on our team's fabulous season, the robust regiment of Maine fans and alums that made the trek to Statesboro, and the uncommonly warm reception the Georgia Southern people offered us — a reception whose sincerity I feel compelled to comment on.

Before the game, I wanted to explore the entire GSU stadium. I knew my sideline pass might not accord access to the broadcast area, but I strolled to the GSU side of the field and asked a security guard if I could check out the facility.

He noticed my Maine windbreaker, smiled and said, "Surely sir, though you may be asked to show your pass again. Just walk up these steps."

During my 20-minute ramble, I was asked politely for my pass three times by GSU event staff, and in each instance, was still offered help or directions.

The third staff person led me on a guided tour of the press area, and as we passed the booth where Rich Kimball and Bob Lucy were doing the Maine pregame show, she said, "If they all are your friends, go on in." While that may have been overly generous, I knew it was a sign that she cared to make a good impression on a visitor.

We don't always do this at the University of Maine, and we should — staff, faculty, fans and students. I'm a partisan Black Bears fan. I root with passion and conviction. I believe that to be proper, but civility counts too.

Most of the time we understand this, evidenced for example by Alfond Arena's Mainiacs' clever cheers and avoidance of group vulgarity — the latter behavior my experience at Frozen Fenway indicates is a hallmark of other universities' supporters.

I'm no prude, as anyone who has read my novel would know, but organized profanity like the ubiquitous taunt "You Suck," intended to deride an opposing team and its fans, is classless. Any punch such expressions have soon evaporates, leaving those chanting them sounding like fools.

But avoiding boorish behavior is a small part of what we

need to do. We need to be welcoming.

Last Saturday, I attended an academic function for football recruits and their families. Leaving the Memorial Gym afterward, I encountered a family that was lost. I assumed they were part of the football group but discovered they were visiting campus on their own from Massachusetts.

As my wife and I have been out-of-town parents trying to navigate an unfamiliar campus with our sons, I sympathized but was running late and reluctant to get snagged in conversation. Then I remembered the kind guidance I was offered at Georgia Southern as I explored their facility.

It took but a few minutes to show the visitors to "The Bubble," answer some questions about academics at UMaine and point out the Hall of Fame pictures of Stump Merrill, Mike Bordick, Mark Sweeney and Billy Swift in the south lobby.

Why is our attitude as fans so important? Because few activities draw as many people to our campus as sporting events. These contests are our best chance to make a good impression on thousands of people from here and away, including prospective students and their families.

In these difficult economic times — with enrollments down and every college and university making best efforts to woo students — this is especially important, and nowhere is the geographic, socioeconomic, ethnic and racial diversity of our campus better represented than in our athletic teams.

Our student-athletes bring far more than their physical skills to our community — I know, I've taught dozens of them. If they feel welcome, that's a formidable recruiting asset. When the opportunity arises, say "hello" to the Delaware family tailgating prior to a football game, offer a "welcome to Maine" to the guy in the Albany jersey at the Pit, or wish "a safe trip home" to the woman in the "Vermont Hockey Mom" sweatshirt at the Alfond.

Thank them for coming to Orono, and be mindful that they have traveled a great distance to cheer on someone they care about.

Do it even if you have been treated disrespectfully at an away contest. This won't make you a turncoat or call into question your Maine loyalties, but it will help cast our university in a positive light that may pay off later.

The young man I met may never take a class or play an inning of baseball in Orono, but I believe he and his family will remember the old white-haired guy who took a few minutes on a cold January day to talk with them and welcome them to campus, and that they will speak well of their experience, as I do of mine in Georgia.

Let's set out the welcome mat. It's part of "The Way Life Should Be." Go Black Bears.

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# Columnist: Contraception crucifixion by bishops a harebrained maneuver



**ERIN MCCANN**

The bishops are back.

This time they're criticizing the Obama administration for a proposed plan that requires the majority of employer-sponsored health care plans to provide contraception for female employees without having co-pays or deductibles.

Places of worship and many schools with religious affiliations were exempt. Religiously affiliated hospitals, however, were not.

Now, due to the outcry of the United States Conference of Catholic bishops citing a government assault on religious freedom, President Barack Obama has changed these proposals, and religiously affiliated hospitals and universities no longer need to provide contraception to female employees; the insurance companies are expected to provide this coverage.

Furthermore, as of Saturday, the bishops remain unsatisfied with the Obama administration's modifications. So long as birth control is provided and women continue to have rights over their bodies, the bishops will not cease to bemoan.

My problem with this consists more of what the Catholic Church chooses to be vocal about. They don't want to talk about their inordinate accumulation of wealth. They don't want to talk about their issues of pedophilia and only did so when the truths began surfacing to the public. They don't want to talk about their patriarchal cultish society, and they certainly don't like talking about how they own some of the most expensive real estate in the world.

A report by France 24 found that the Greek Orthodox Church, amidst a financial crisis in their country, owns property worth approximately \$921.9 billion, over two times Greece's national debt. If the poor shall inherit the kingdom of God, eternal salvation is not looking too good for the likes of the pope and his priests.

The Catholic Church does, however, feel they have a right to pervade people's personal rights.

One of the Biblical citations the Catholic Church uses to support their anti-birth control stance is Genesis 1:28, whereupon creating the world, God creates Adam and Eve, telling them to "be fruitful and replenish the earth, and subdue it."

If one wishes to take this ancient literature literally, the multiplication has already been done. Adam and Eve have successfully multiplied and populated the earth quite nicely. Today, we don't find ourselves in the predicament of having a population of two.

My question is, why does the Catholic Church place all of its energy into restricting the reproductive rights of women when they neglect so many other Bible verses?

In Deuteronomy, God says if parents have a stubborn, rebellious child, he or she should be taken to the city center and stoned to death by the men of the city, as one needs to "purge the

evil from your midst."

Where are the bishops on this one? It would be nice if they could remain consistent, as rebellious children really prove to be a problem in our society. My next-door neighbor's child is a perfect example.

Another Biblical reference some Catholics like to cite is the story of Onan and his sin. Onan was expected to sleep with his dead brother's wife and father new progeny. Onan instead spilled his semen on the ground. God was thoroughly displeased and punished him with death. (Remember, this is one of the Catholics' arguments against the use of birth control.)

In today's world, we don't generally command men to sleep with their dead brothers' wives, and death certainly is not the issued punishment if they don't. I'd hardly consider this an argument working in the church's

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favor.

The fact is, the Bible says a lot of things, and one can distort, manipulate and twist it to fit any argument one wishes. It's a heavily translated, interpolated, patriarchal text that has been used and abused by the Catholic Church to procure and secure power.

Furthermore, in Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter, "Human Vitae, which addresses church followers, he writes that birth control can easily effectuate "a general lowering of moral standards."

When are Americans going to wake up and realize the Catholic Church has consistently maintained the position of being backward? The church, with arguably the darkest sordid underbelly in the history of mankind, still attempts to restrict the reproductive rights of women.

Upon my visit to the Vatican in Rome, I was captivated by the architectural and artistic resplendence of the place but diametrically and overwhelmingly disgusted at the notion that the supposed supreme authority on God lived there. Men in robes walked around chanting. Painted murals and gold surrounded them. The only spiritual presence I felt in that place was one of darkness.

We're listening to men donning crosses around their necks, with white collars and gold trim. Men who sell indulgences, who give advice on sex while they feel up young boys. They get up on their pedestals and supposedly preach on behalf of God, restricting the rights of women in the church. No birth control for you, sinners.

Throughout my 16 years of Catholic schooling, I've encountered some wonderful people of the faith who do admirable deeds for the community. However, these individuals didn't sacrifice their capacity for reason and discernment for blind, foolish, unwavering adherence to the decrees of men in robes.

Neither should we.

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# Book bytes: Readers' digital future demands tomes and libraries check out



*It's a necessary sacrifice — parchment for gigabyte — when the future demands hip new methods of doing the same old thing.*

**MADELYN KEARNS**

There is an industry that specializes in paginating and selling dreams.

Fantasies — outlined in black ink, bound to paper — are clothed and criticized, placed on shelves belly-up and sticker-slapped by the hands of this market.

I want so badly to be a part of it — to barcode reverie so fellow dreamers lounging in cafes or swaying by way of the tiny leather loopholes of subway cars can decode it.

I want to metamorphose into a Penguin, a Random House, a Mariner or a Hachette. I want to banter with Bantam Books and call on HarperCollins whenever my heart desires. I want to prime the literary canon with the powder of genius and light the fuse; I want to be a publisher.

As with most paper-based trades, though, the publishing industry is characterized as either dying or increasingly more cut-throat — no matter how one proceeds, there will be blood.

But to die for cause or country is a purportedly glorious thing.

Perhaps the plot isn't this dire. After all, the night does seem darkest before the dawn and all that illusive claptrap. The success of a species appears the most uncertain right before the beast evolves. Survival of the fittest, for the publishing world, may require the acquisition of a neon snapping synapse: the Internet, Kindle-kind gene.

Technology has made it nearly impossible for physical books — those with pages capable of cutting you in both the tangible and figurative sense — to stay afloat in its powerful cyber-wake. The page now turns by the touch of a button and the margins remain pristine, void of scribbled analyses, smeared ink or stains of unknown origins.

My bleeding heart drains at the thought of a book, my personal library, Fogler Library, all libraries even, being com-

pressed and downloaded into one uniform, rectangular doodad. The crisp flip of a page, the heavy thud of an encyclopedia being dumped upon a desktop will be replaced by the haughty breath of a computer fan.

I ache with loss already.

But this evolution makes sense, saves trees and propels my beloved dream-pushers of publishing forth to continue to thrive in a sustainable, penny-pinched world.

As with war, our tactics must change if literature hopes to prevail. No longer can we march toward our enemy, descend to one knee and fire at the front lines until one cluster of single-colored coats remains standing. This generation is primed in guerilla warfare and muskets are simply no match for semiautomatics and poison gas.

Fighting for the maintenance of actual paper books against e-readers is akin to minutemen taking on a handful of black operative trained marines — it's so ridiculously unmatched, it's laughable.

So the white flag must be waved on behalf of the Gutenberg printing press and all the machines of its lineage if we hope to keep the act of reading alive. It's a necessary sacrifice — parchment for gigabyte — when the future demands hip new methods of doing the same old thing.

Adaptation is a natural practice; why shouldn't books, like vinyl records and compact discs, be reshaped to fit into our fast-paced, techno-today?

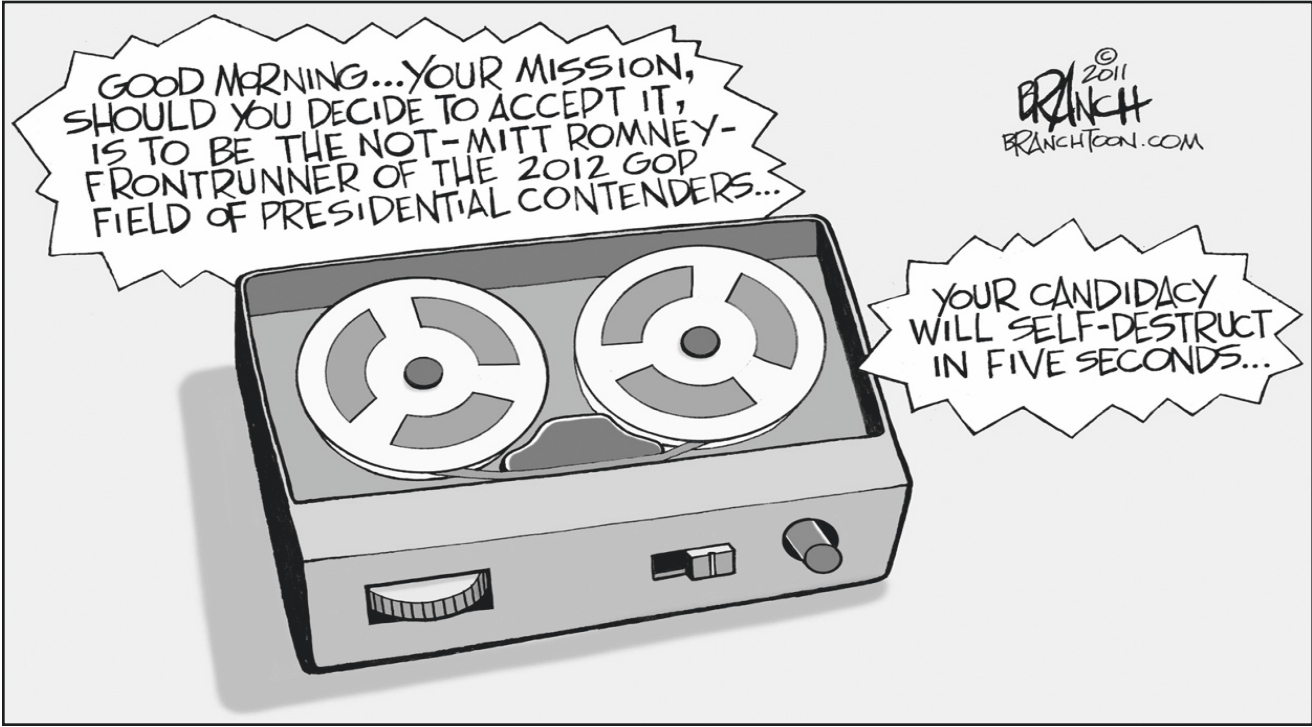
I have no valid argument that can hold water against the e-reader aside from the traditional response of preserving sensory romanticism, and that falls upon deaf ears, as it cannot be texted in acronyms or grotesque spellings of simple words.

To save literacy, I must turn my coat and hand in my musket. And publishing companies as well as all those with a similar love for paper-bloated treasures should do the same if they wish for reading to be customary and engaging in the years to come.

Who knows? Turning our backs on paperbacks, eyes cast to our brightly lit screens, may be the most enlightened technological choice we could make as a society since solar power. No matter what, people will be reading and that is worth its weight in silver, gold and credit.

Oh, the concessions we must make for dreams, dictionaries and dollars.

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## Thumbs up / Thumbs down

Artichoke hearts

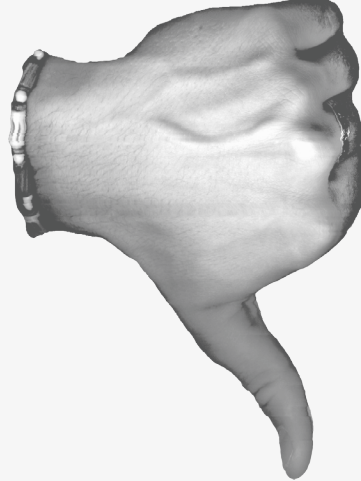
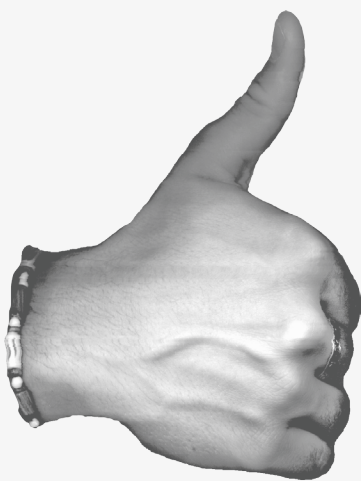
Broken hearts

A dozen roses

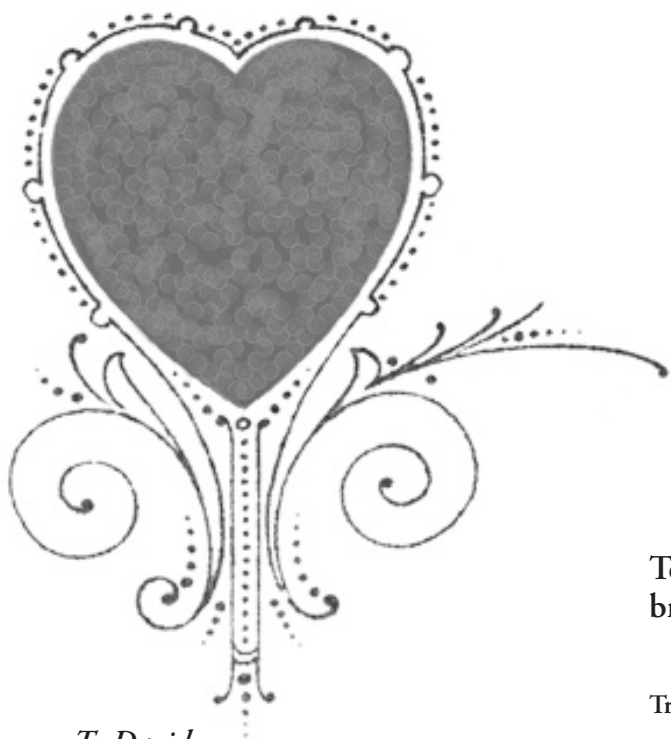
Snotty noses

Candy hearts

Dried tarts







*To David,  
Happy Valentine's day to the one guy that loves and knows me better than anyone else in the whole world.  
Love you,  
Rebecca <3*

Karla,  
You are my everything. I love you doesn't express the feeling fully. A lifetime together seems not-enough, but it is far better than a lifetime without you.  
-kt "

Julia Bousquet,  
We've been together for a while now. We can talk about it all night. But I want to play those songs we used to play, hit the floor, and slow dance.  
-Qriz"

Kevin Gibbons,  
Something I would only tell a stranger is that I like to make paper airplanes.  
-The Girl From the Train

Saiqa,  
Where are you?  
the happiness of my life  
Without you I cry

Fourth Floor Penobscot,  
To you my swelling heart sings  
Please do not forget

To the lovers of reindeers;  
May your Valentines Day be full of Greek yogurt and (good) chocolate!

To my neighbors,  
You guys are HOT! Happy Valentine's day! -The girls next door

To Hillary,  
I LOVE YOU! -Anonymous

To Tom,  
You still make my heart go pitter-patter. Love, you know who

To the girl in room 328,  
The shower last week was amazing! -The guy in room 322

To Kaiden,  
Can't wait for you to come home from Afghanistan.  
Happy Valentine's day!  
-Heather

Dear Joseph,  
I'm pregnant. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Mary

Dear Coach Cosgrove,  
You're sexy and you know it! Love, the freshmen

To my sexy bunk of man,  
If you really want to be my Valentine, you need to meet me on the steps of the library at 5:00 on Valentine's day or else! -Your Sugar Muffin



To the drunk girl by the stair at the brew eating pizza,  
I LOVE YOU! Love, You know who

Troy Eastman-  
You're hands down the sexiest football player there is. I want you. - Your "I wish it wasn't so" secret admirer

Dear Coach Dott,  
I've seen you at the stillwater apartments. I was wondering when you could test my waters. From, your new recruit

Dear Vibrator,  
Thanks for keeping me company this Valentine's day. Love, Lonely Lucy



To Kristen Dumas,  
I see you every Tues/Thurs and it's not enough for me. I'm trying to get to know you better. I know you have a bf, but when he slips up that's when I'll make my come up! From, your new BF.

Thank you for the good times. You know who you are ;)

Peter Brooks,  
Your (not so) secret admirer has a big crush on you!

Happy Valentine's day  
To all my beautiful sisters of Pi Beta Phi! PPL and all of mine! -Meg

Dear Jacob Ward,  
Oh I want to confess my love to thee. Your penny loafers are sexy. I can't resist a frat boy. I was hoping you'd be mine and take me to late night sometime. Love, your lover <3

My darling Erwin,  
When you TA my human sex class, I get all giggly inside. You are so sexy. Please, please give me a call :) -An innocent freshman

To My Valentine

Ah, 'twould be the bliss of blisses  
If I might greet my Love with kisses.

Dear Victoria,  
I really wanted to ask you to be my Valentine...but I realized I can't love a freak like you. Love you though boo!

Becky,  
Happy 2 weeks, 4 days, and 12 hours. I'm so glad we are finally together. I love you so much!  
-David

To the girl at the desk of the Rec Center,  
I love when you wear that blue shirt and spandex.  
Happy V-Day! -The guy who always sees you at 6pm

Dear Swimmer girl,  
I enjoyed our deep conversation in the hot tub the other night. Let's do it again sometime :) Forever yours, Derrick

To my future husband,  
I've been so in love with you since the day we met. You are the sexiest man I've ever seen. I sometimes stand outside of SAE just looking in your window, but I don't dare go inside. <3 your future wife

To Nate Weeks, the sexiest man alive.  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
I've been in love with you since I first saw you. You make my heart skip a beat. Sometimes I drive by SAE to see if your black jeep is there. Also I like to go in and sniff your door, your scent smells so good! Love always, stalker girl.

Happy Valentine's day  
To Kolleen Richardson. Love, your secret admirer

To the best roommate EVER.  
Happy Valentine's Day Emily Wheeler. <3 Hillary Knight

Dear ASR members,  
Our open discussions always make my Monday night that much more entertaining. Love, Sarah

To Emily Ranucci,  
For twas not into my ear you whispered, but into my heart, twas not my lips you kissed, but my soul. Happy Valentine's Day. From, Ethan Mackey

Dear Bogie Boys of the Bennoch Barage,  
Please return my dignity, I have another football party to go to this weekend. Love, all the crazy bitties.

Happy Valentine's Day to all my Delta Rho sisters!! <3 Nicole + Liane

To the guy with the tight shirts in class,  
You might be a freshman football player but you're built like a senior. From your Curva crush

Happy Valentine's day!  
I hope we can still go on that trip to Hawaii someday! I love you and I'm sorry. -Allie

Happy Valentine's Day Wolf Pack +1!!



Jeremy Walsh,  
I-I-I love you like a love song baby. XXX

Happy Valentine's Day Chi Omega!

Dear Mr. Armstrong,  
I'm really glad you're my boyfriend, for real life. -Katie<3

To Brandi Bradley,  
In th words of Bette Midler, you are the wings beneath my wings. -Jeri Cosgrove

Happy Valentine's day  
To the lovely ladies of Lincoln Street. I love you. meow. -Noko<3

Happy Valentine's day  
Emma Moore, you sexy beast! Love, Cat

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm bad at this game.....peenwah! <3 Abby+Kelly

Dear Kristen,  
Anytime you're free we should go see a movie, and afterwards we could make one.

To anyone reading this:  
It's ok if you don't have a Valentine. It doesn't make you any less amazing or special. You matter.

To my amazing boyfriend Christopher Towne,  
Every day spent with you is never wasted. I couldn't imagine anyone more perfect for me. Happy Valentine's day! Love, Ashley Soucy

Dearest Dionne,  
I love you more and more each day. -Stunnah McDonough

Dearest Thumper,  
Our love is like a frolicking tandem of Disney characters dashing gracefully across a trickling stream or dew covered knoll. Love, Bam Bambi

To the cashier ladies at the Union,  
You are amazing and Happy Valentine's Day. -The guy who always gets pizza and coke

You know who are you are,  
We had a meeting in the library 3rd floor all the way in the back and let's just say you taught me more than what was on the syllabus. From, your nerdy nympho

Just because they giggle, doesn't mean they wanna wiggle. Get consent.  
For more information, check out Safe Campus at umaine.edu/safecampusproject or Safe Campus Project on Facebook.  
Safe Campus thinks SWA is SWAWE-SOME!

Dear J.W.,  
Roses are red, violets are blue, when I think of a great friend I think of you. You say your self concious, but this should not be, everything you are seems perfect to me.  
- K

I love Rob.







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# Style & Culture



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## Love is in the air ... but not for all

Don't mourn Valentine's if you're single; celebrate independence



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By Derrick Rossignol  
*Style Editor*

While Hallmark is busy shoving Cupid's arrow down our throats, they forget that quite a few people are not romantically involved.

According to a CNN article from 2010 that cites the U.S. Census Bureau, 43 percent of all Americans 18 years or older are single, which amounts to about 96 million people. The survey defined "single" as not currently married, but I can't help but think a fair portion of those are also not dating.

For too long, single people have been barraged with paper hearts and bouquets of roses and made to feel inferior for not being in a relationship on Valentine's Day. Single people are forced to either stay home and mourn their loneliness or go to a pathetic singles social event.

Except they aren't.

Millions of people don't celebrate

the holiday, so there's no reason for anybody to feel like they're doing something wrong for not being betrothed to anybody. Many people watch the Super Bowl and celebrate Easter, but the minority who don't still exist and they're not mutants because they're not in the spirit of the day.

Valentine's Day actually has all kinds of benefits for single people.

Being in a relationship and having somebody force you to watch movies starring Channing Tatum is great, but if you think about it, you're not always 100 percent yourself when you're dating.

The reason most of us shower in the morning is to keep up appearances and to not ward off potential mates — or the one we already have

— with our stench.

We pretend to care about romantic comedies or

the NFL because it's something our significant other loves and it's an activity you can share.

On Valentine's Day, instead of wallowing in your sadness, celebrate your independence.

As part of a couple, especially if you're the man, you have to stress about making romantic, creative plans that live up to the unfair standards sitcoms and reality TV have set.

As a single person, you don't have to worry about that. Instead of celebrating Valentine's Day, celebrate Singles Awareness Day, a semi-serious holiday observed by many uninvolved people.

You can sit home in PJ bottoms and an old T-shirt, eat a 20-inch pizza by yourself and watch the

"Rocky" series, an entire season of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" or whatever else floats your boat.

Or, you could do all the same things naked. One of the perks of the single life is there is nobody there to watch you hedonistically celebrate not being committed to another human being.

Despite how awesome this seems, some single people might look at this sort of day as pathetic, as less of a celebration of freedom and more of a surrender to loneliness. What you can't do is let your relationship status define you as a person, because it is just that — a status.

The status of a cup of coffee might be cold, but throw it in the microwave and suddenly it's hot and full of life. You might be by yourself now, but it's highly possible you'll find the one who completes you soon enough.

If staying in and gaining 10 pounds doesn't sound appealing, be your own Valentine and

See Singles Day on **B3**



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## 'Monologues' raise funds for causes

Funny, dramatic skits on female genitalia raise over \$3,000 for women

By Rachel Curit  
*For The Maine Campus*

"The Vagina Monologues," performed in the Donald P. Corbett Business Building over the weekend, is a series of quirky performances on topics ranging from reproductive health to rape.

"The Vagina Monologues" was written by Eve Ensler, a playwright and founder of V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence of all types against women and girls. In the play, an annual event at the University of Maine, an all-female cast performs monologues are based on interviews with real women concerning their perspectives and experiences.

Before the show began, organizations such as the UMaine Student Women's Association gathered in the DPC lobby, providing free information about the involved organizations, all while selling multiple flavors of candy vaginas.

Judging by the crowd's reactions, it's easy to say the cast did a phenomenal job. One crowd favorite was "My Angry Vagina," performed by fourth-year journalism student Helen "Sally" Brown — the piece told the story of a woman angry about all the products and contraptions meant to be "[shoved] up us, clean us up, stuff us up, make it go

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away." Brown raved about tampons, cold speculums, thongs and douches, and insisted that the manufacturers need to "work with [her] vagina."

Karin Baard, a fourth-year English and Spanish student, did a memorable job performing "The Flood," a monologue based on a conversation with a 72-year-old woman and

her "down there." Due to a bad experience with "down there" and "the flood," Baard's character avoided dating. With a pair of glasses, a shawl and an ottoman, Baard played a convincing old lady with a voice to match.

"The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy" was a show stealer. Casey Faulkingham, a fourth-year psychology and social work student, took the stage in a seductive number and, after telling the story of being a sex worker, bravely belted out all the various moans she had encountered, including the "Harry Potter moan" and the "Irish Catholic moan."

While women's genitals are a fun topic to joke about, not all the monologues were comedic. Jovana Zivkovic's performance of "My Vagina Was My Village" spoke of the horrific sexual abuse committed by soldiers on Bosnian women during

See Monologues on **B2**



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Fourth-year journalism and Spanish student Sally Brown gets laughs from the audience as she performs "My Angry Vagina" at "The Vagina Monologues" this weekend.

## Broadway show 'Avenue Q' entertains with puppets

By Rachel Curit  
*For The Maine Campus*

This weekend, "Avenue Q" took stage in Hauck Auditorium and delighted audiences with performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Despite its colorful puppets and fun characters, "Avenue Q" is not appropriate for children. Described as "part Sesame Street, part Sex and the City," this Broadway musical's mature subject matter is clearly meant for adults.

The talented cast members kept the audience laughing with goofy songs and brutal honesty. The show takes place on a grungy New York City alley called Avenue Q. Princeton, a recent college graduate played by fifth-year theater student Edward Benson, decides to move to the neighborhood since Avenues A and B are out of his price range. There, he meets Kate Monster, played by Allison Smith; Gary Coleman, the superintendent, played by Nestor Simon-Gonzalez; and a host of other puppet and human characters.

Problems arise for Princeton when he loses his job before he even starts it, and finds a pile of bills in the mail. He soon realizes that he needs to find his purpose in life.



Sergio Afonso • Staff Photographer

The cast of "Avenue Q" performs the award-winning Broadway musical Saturday evening. The raunchy show will be performed again Feb. 17-19 in Hauck Auditorium.

One of the first songs performed, and one of the most memorable, was "It Sucks to Be Me." Each character sang about a personal problem, ranging from useless college degrees to parents stealing money.

Kate's biggest issue was that she didn't have a boyfriend. In the midst of finding his purpose, Princeton develops feelings for Kate and asks her out to a show later that night. Princeton soon forgets his quest and focuses his energy on his newly found love.

Eventually, things go sour between them when Princeton realizes that he hasn't been searching for his purpose. Princeton breaks Kate's heart and asks to just be friends.

Many of the other characters were also going through their own dilemmas. One neighbor, Brian, played by Jason Pulley, aspired to be a stand-up comedian. He even dropped his pants, revealing women's underwear, for a laugh. Despite his efforts, Brian struggled to break into the business. His fiancée, Christmas Eve, played by Janice Duy, also has work troubles as a therapist whose clients never come back after their first session.

See "Avenue Q" on **B2**



# Google more than just search

Web giant’s services, like online documents, calendars, make group work easy

Column

Google has quickly evolved from a simple web search engine to a multifaceted web platform with a multitude of apps. Many students use Google Calendar, Gmail and Google Docs in their quest for academic superiority. But in my opinion they overlook some of the most convenient features.

In our modern, connected world, it seems counter-productive to have to meet in person to collaborate on essays, papers and projects. These readily available tools are easy to take advantage of and will save you freezing late-night walks to Fogler.

Google Docs is the first tool that comes to mind. I have many friends who didn’t buy Microsoft or Apple’s office suites, opting to use Google Docs exclusively. I assume most people know how to use the web app, but the sharing action seems often neglected.

Simply click the “share”



University Productivity  
By Harold Lyons

button in the upper right-hand corner of an opened document. A window will pop up where you can set the permissions for the document. Then type in the email addresses and change their permissions to “edit.” Now everyone on the list can edit the document.

The best part of this? It’s all in real-time — you can actually watch the changes someone else makes appear on your screen. Wait, I lied — the best part is that you can chat at the same time. So now, instead of everyone having to meet up to work together on the project due in six hours, you can do it from the comfort of your room(s).

Google+ may be seen as Facebook’s failed social network competitor, but there is still room for another social network in the modern student’s web browser. Almost anything you can do on Google+, you can do on Facebook, but Google+ has one ace that makes it a serious collaboration tool.

I am talking about its group video chat service, Hangouts. While Facebook is stuck with one-on-one, Skype-subsidized video chat, Google+ has Hang-

outs. Google+ Hangouts are video chat rooms for up to 10 people. Simply start a Hangout on Google+ and anyone also on the service can join.

Simple video chatting with a whole group is useful enough, but add Google Docs support and you have a winner. Now, with real-time changes to the document, plus face-to-face interaction with your group, you can work on a project as if you were sitting right next to each other.

Google Calendar is only helpful if you use it regularly. Many people would rather use Facebook’s “Events” feature, which would work just as well. If you are already using Google Calendar, though, you might as

you have a new group project due. The first thing you want to do is paste the link to the shared Google Doc for this project, so whenever someone needs to get to the document, it is easy to find.

What I like to do next is list all group members’ names. Underneath each person’s name, you can list their responsibilities. Since everyone can edit the event, they can check off tasks as they are completed. Instead of a calendar event, you now have a constantly updated checklist. This real-time checklist is extremely helpful when determining who is pulling their weight in the group, especially as the deadline approaches.

It’s clear that Google has become more than just the world’s predominant search engine, but not everybody appreciates all the advancements

the technology giant has made. Next time you have a group project, convince your group to work through Google. It may seem complicated, but is actually quite simple.

And it beats hanging out in the library.

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## “Avenue Q” from B1

“Avenue Q” has its own version of Sesame Street’s lovable

Bert and Ernie. Nicky, played by Ryan Jackson, and Rod, played by Jeremy Walsh, are roommates who sometimes act like a married couple. Much to Rod’s chagrin, they are not married;

Nicky is heterosexual. Toward the performance’s beginning we see Nicky sing a song addressed to Rod called “If You Were Gay,” and Rod gets defensive because of it. Eventually, Rod kicks Nicky out of the apartment, leaving his friend homeless.

Even Trekkie, a furry monster played by Jason McLaughlin who believes that “The Internet is For Porn,” as evidenced in his song, undergoes some sort of transformation, though we never see any of Trekkie’s inner turmoil.

Since “Avenue Q” is a musical, it’s a given that it is full of hilarious songs. Most of the songs bluntly say what most don’t dare to, such as “Everyone’s a Little Bit Racist” and “I’m Not Wearing Underwear Today.”

In the end, everyone’s problems are resolved — sort of.

Despite its dark subject matter and cynical undertones, the show ultimately concludes on a high note, saying that while life may not be easy, that’s only true “For Now.”

For those who missed out on “Avenue Q” this past weekend, the show finishes its run with performances on Feb. 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m., and on Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Those shows will again be in Hauck Auditorium, and admission is \$15 or free with a MaineCard.

# Crystal, Ryan’s classic romcom sets film standard

Column

Before Billy Crystal became a city slicker, he played a jaded college graduate with strong opinions about love. Enter Harry Burns, a recent graduate of the University of Chicago who, by Hollywood happenstance, meets Sally Albright, played by Meg Ryan, a blond and bubbly fellow co-ed whose head is firmly planted in the clouds. On a drive to New York, they bicker and banter about matters of the heart, from whether romance is dead to the eternal debate of platonic friendships between men and women.



The Reel Deal  
By Kayla Riley

Harry plays the pessimist — or the realist, depending on your stance — and won’t be swayed by Sally’s naïve sensibilities. They part ways at the end of their reluctant road trip, but not for long.

Over the next 11 years, Harry and Sally cross paths multiple times. Poetically and appropriately for the era, their relationship statuses and hairstyles are never quite right, but they form a friendship with a hint of sexual tension. After a string of failed relationships and unfortunate perms, though, Harry and Sally ultimately prove the adage that men and women can’t be “just friends.”

Crystal is equal parts cynical and charming, and plays off Ryan’s sickly sweet romantic notions perfectly. What could easily have been an annoying character was made relatable by Crystal, while Ryan was the ideal choice as a starry-eyed New Yorker. It just so happens that those exist, if only in the movies.

The film opens and ends in

a documentary style, showing intimate interviews with older couples who talk openly about how they met. The stories range from love at first sight to slightly more tangled tales and seem adorably real despite the knowledge that they were crafted for commercial consumption.

Carrie Fisher serves as a suitable best girlfriend for Ryan in the role of Marie, and an easily forgettable Steven Ford is Joe, Crystal’s sounding board for the many ups and downs of the title characters’ relationship. It is clear that the movie is Harry and Sally’s alone, but these supporting characters add a bit of dimension to their love story. It’s easy to see where the movie is headed early on, but that paved path doesn’t make the film any less enjoyable.

Hollywood favorite Rob Reiner, known for “Stand By Me” and “The Princess Bride,” took to the director’s chair again for this film, adding his expertise in pans of cityscapes and close-ups during emotional moments. Nora Ephron penned a script that toes the line into chick-lit but is filled with witty one-liners and pop-culture jokes that still strike the funny bone after 22 years.

Ryan is no stranger to romantic comedies, but her role in “When Harry Met Sally” immortalized her as a master of the genre. Let’s just say you’ll never see salad the same way again.

Do your best to ignore what you’ve heard about this flick — except of course in this column. It sets a high standard for romantic comedies and, while formulaic, will leave even the most doubtful of viewers with a warm and fuzzy feeling.

If you’ve managed to avoid seeing “When Harry Met Sally,” the quintessential romantic comedy that is funnier than you think, try giving it a chance this week.

Whether you’ll be celebrating the Hallmark holiday with an oversized stuffed bear, a sugar rush and a special someone or avoiding it altogether, this ’80s classic merits your time.

## Monologues from B1

the war in Yugoslavia.

“They Beat the Girl Out of My Boy” told the sad truth of the abuse against young boys for being sensitive and wanting to carry purses as girls do. These boys — now women — described the amazing liberation they felt after finally finding their own vaginas and the continued harassment that comes with being a transsexual.

The “2012 Spotlight Monologue” summarized the clear message of the performance: Despite the abuse, neglect and embarrassment women face, they “carry on.”

Every year, the money raised through the event goes to different beneficiaries, both local and international. Beneficiaries include areas special to the University of Maine, such as Spruce Run, a domestic violence and abuse resource center in Bangor; the Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center, a Bangor private, non-profit feminist center that provides health services to women; and Rape Response Services, a Bangor organization that offers support those affected by rape and sexual abuse.

“The Vagina Monologues” was brought to campus by SWA and sponsored by Mini Acres, the Women’s Resource Center and the Safe Campus Project, the Women in the Curriculum and Women’s Studies Program as well as Renaissance and Metropolitan Soul.

At the end of the night, everybody had fun, but most importantly, the show generated over \$3,000 for its beneficiaries.

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## FILM REVIEW: ‘Chronicle’

Fresh faces and found footage create convincing story



20th Century Fox

By Derrick Rossignol  
Style Editor

The first trailers for “Chronicle” were prone to being misidentified as faux-homemade, YouTube-style commercials for something that’s not entirely clear until the name of the movie is revealed.

That’s much how the film itself plays out as well.

“Chronicle” is done in the increasingly popular “found footage” style, mainly utilized in horror movies such as “Paranormal Activity,” which this film is not. The excuse for the existence of all the tapes is a reclusive high school kid named Andrew who decides to film his life, played by newcomer Dane DeHaan.

Within the first few minutes, the audience learns that his cousin Matt, played by Alex Russell, gives him rides to school and tries to pull him out of his shell. In addition, Andrew is a prime target for bullies, his mother is terminally ill and his father is an abusive alcoholic.

The trailers make it obvious that the movie follows people who have and abuse telekinetic powers, and, given Andrew’s rejection by both society and his father, it’s crystal clear from the get-go that if anyone was going to misuse his abilities, it would be him.

In an attempt to help Andrew put himself out there, Matt takes him to a rave — but Andrew weirds people out with his camera, so he waits outside until his cousin decides to leave.

While outside, school alpha

male Steve, played by Michael B. Jordan, encourages Andrew to film something strange he found.

After trekking through the woods, Andrew, Matt and Steve find a hole emitting a strange, deep sound. Inside, they find a large cave that contains a peculiar, large crystalline object. Suddenly, the crystal turns from blue to red, leaving the three in pain and with bloody noses.

The actions resumes a week or so later, when the boys are playing with their new telekinetic abilities they gained in their strange interaction with the crystal. That’s how most of the movie plays out — which might sound like a drag, but it adds realism.

**Credit belongs both to director Josh Trank and DeHann for making the main character real and relatable despite relying primarily on his tone of voice, what he films and how he films it**

Real life rarely plays out like a Hollywood production, where the intensity builds until the climax. Often, big moments come as a surprise. Here, the boys spend a lot of time just messing around with their powers with a few small incidents foreshadowing the impending chaos, but when things start to get serious, it’s all very sudden.

The long build-up serves instead to make the characters dynamic. Through their interactions with each other and everybody else, a lot becomes clear about the three main characters.

Although he’s the star quarterback running for class president in typical teen-movie fashion, Steve is not the Hollywood stereotype of high school jock. He might be pigeonholed into that identity because of his popularity, but he doesn’t let the high school caste system drive

him away from the far less popular Andrew, who he ultimately enjoys spending time with.

Matt was initially only in touch with Andrew because of the blood connection, but they bond over their mutual gain of superhero powers and Matt realizes his cousin isn’t as lame as he originally thought.

Andrew, an outcast loner, ultimately wants to be appreciated but rejects the world because it has always rejected him. DeHann plays Andrew superbly, considering he spends much of the film behind the camera. Credit belongs both to director Josh Trank and DeHann for making the main character real and relatable despite relying primarily on his tone of voice, what he films and how he films it.

In fact, DeHann did such a great job portraying quiet, nervous Andrew off-screen that, once he finally enters the frame, he looks and acts exactly how you’d expect him to. In the opening minutes, DeHann’s dialogue sounds unnatural and too timid to be true, but it turns out that’s exactly how Andrew is.

It’s an easy cop-out to say not much direction was involved in filming. It uses supposedly “found footage,” but some of the views Trank manages to capture are perfect and aren’t outlandish in the context of the film. In scenes where there are multiple cameras capturing the action, Trank takes advantage of them to capture moments one camera alone can’t do justice.

The no-name cast might turn prospective viewers away, but if a Leonardo DiCaprio or a George Clooney had the starring role, it wouldn’t have been as believable. The unfamiliar faces make it seem like this actually is footage of crazy events retrieved from personal cameras.

Grade: B+

## CD REVIEW: Dr. Dog, ‘Be The Void’

Psych rockers keep it fresh via tried and true methods

By Derrick Rossignol  
Style Editor

Always looking to innovate, Dr. Dog have undergone Darwinian evolutions throughout their successful career.

While their sound is rooted in southern rock and ’60s pop, they’ve experiment with different methods of songwriting, horn sections and anything else they could get their hands on that they thought would be beneficial.

They first saw commercial success with their 2005 major label debut, “Easy Beat,” which peaked on the U.S. Heatseekers chart at No. 30. Since then, they’ve graduated to the Billboard 200, their last album, 2010’s “Shame, Shame,” peaking at No. 44.

Dr. Dog has always been a group of experimenters, but it’s been controlled. They’ve diligently perfected every last minute detail and it’s worked well. This time around, though, they wanted to capture the looseness, intensity and grit of their live performances and ditch their obsessive studio nature.

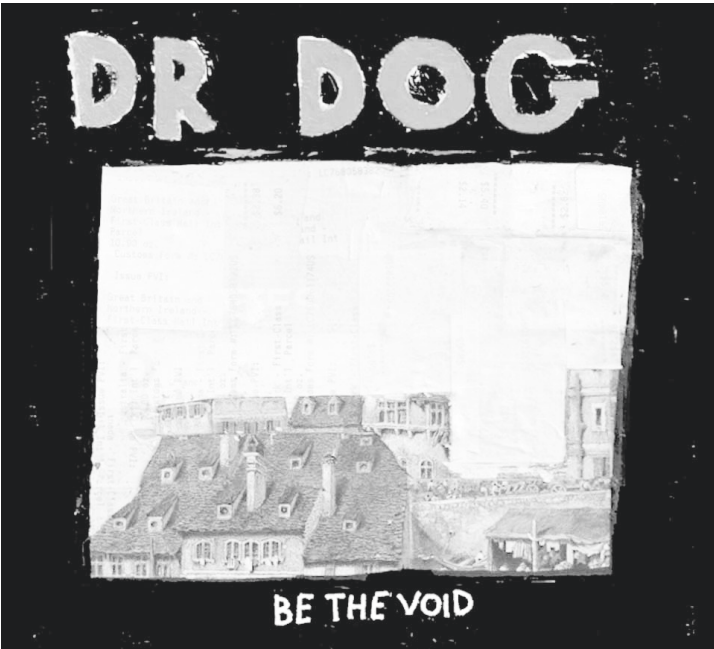
From the very start, it’s clear they’re fervently pursuing this new philosophy hard.

Album opener “Lonesome” is a bourbon-soaked romp that may as well come with a side of grits. Everything about it screams the south, including its simplicity. The head-bobbing tune relies heavily on its refrain, as they chant, “What does it take to be lonesome? Nothing at all” a goodly number of times.

It doesn’t grow stale because they don’t wear out its groove, instead riding it out for as long as they need to without beating it to death.

The song embodies the spirit of the album — they sound loose and comfortable the entire time, but never tired, lazy or bored. “Be The Void” is a primarily mid-tempo affair, but the variety from track to track keeps it fresh.

As the band’s been making the late night circuit, starting with a performance on Conan last week, their go-to has been “That



Park the Van

Old Black Hole,” an infectiously-catchy southern rock gem. The opening is soulfully bluesy, like B.B. King in his more rocking outings.

Singer Scott McMicken’s vocals are much akin to Band of Horses singer Scott McMicken, but slightly quirkiest and less polished, which helps the laissez-faire nature of the tune.

Come to think of it, the whole

“How Long Must I Wait” sounds like Foals were experimenting with earthier tones, but they ultimately cut the track from one of their albums not because it was bad, but because it didn’t fit with what they do — catchy and fun songs that ultimately feel cold. Dr. Dog wrapped Foals’ essence in a blanket and brought something punchy and warm, but not necessarily original, to the table.

Despite stripping themselves of the studio tomfoolery saturated in much of their past material, Dr. Dog have created something that for the most part sounds refresh-

ingly original, proving creativity doesn’t necessarily come from messing with fancy gadgets, but through good songwriting.

The Beatles would have been proud to put out a record like this back in the day. While it’s difficult measuring up to the Fab Four and the album doesn’t sound entirely similar to their seminal works, the classic pop undertones are mistakable, and McCartney and company would have appreciated the risks Dr. Dog took on every track.

Grade: B+

## Singles Day from B1

treat yourself.

Instead of spending hundreds of dollars on a swan boat ride or something equally cheesy, take a fraction of that money and get yourself that iPod or other frivolous thing you didn’t get for Christmas, go clothes shopping, get a massage or do whatever else feels right.

You could also get together with some buddies and make them your stand-in Valentines. Don’t shower them with gifts, but have a single guys’ or girls’ night out. Watch a game or sappy movies together, go clubbing and mingle with other singles or have a wild “Hangover” night of your own. Do whatever the

hell you want, just hope you don’t wake up with a tiger in the bathroom.

It’s important to realize Valentine’s Day is a commercial holiday. The day is barely religious anymore — it was originally added to the Roman Catholic Calendar of Saints to recognize Saint Valentine but was removed in 1969 because it turned out nobody actually knew (or cared) much about the guy.


So now the day’s meaning is exclusively financial. Saying it is a celebration of love is bull. People in relationships who really have deep feelings for their significant other celebrate their love every day and don’t need a square on the calendar to tell them when to do it. So really, you shouldn’t feel badly for not

taking part.

Hallmark needs to sell their greeting cards and Necco has to unload their candy hearts. The higher-end gestures, like romantic dinners or extravagant gifts, can get really expensive, so imagine your delight the next day when you can rub all the cash you saved in your co-workers’ faces.

Of course, I’m not trying to detract from those who are in love and have extravagant plans for Feb. 14. I wish them all the best and hope they have one of the most magical evenings of their lives.

But singles don’t need to sit at home with a box of tissues, pigging out on chocolate they bought for themselves in an attempt to fill that heart-shaped hole.



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# Softball manages single win at Southern Florida tourney

By Emily Hodgdon  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine softball team began their 2012 season with a tough trip to Tampa for the University of Southern Florida tournament, winning just one of their five games.

UMaine started the tournament with a loss against Illinois State University in extra innings. It was only the second time in history the two schools met, playing once before in 1989 — also a loss for UMaine.

The Redbirds snagged the lead with one run in the first inning as both teams struggled to string hits together for two more innings.

In the top of the fourth, UMaine sophomore catcher Jean Stevens walloped a solo home run over the center-field wall to tie up the game. Freshman infielder Jessica Burk grabbed her first RBI in the fifth inning, pushing UMaine into the lead.

But the Redbirds scored two more runs in the same inning, retaking the lead.

UMaine led off the sixth inning with another solo home run by Stevens. Senior infielder Margaret Hilton and sophomore outfielder Dagmar Ralphs followed up with singles. Hilton then scored on a single shot into center by freshman EmJ Fogel, allowing UMaine to take the lead 4-3 in the top of the seventh inning.

The Redbirds battled back with a solo home run to tie the game and shut down UMaine's offense in the eighth while upping their own. The Black Bears lost 5-4.

UMaine went on to play another game Friday night against

the host team, USF.

The Bulls found their bats early in the game, taking the lead 7-0 in the first two innings. UMaine came alive in the fourth inning as junior catcher Jenny MacDowell reached first on an error and advanced to second on a single shot to center field by senior shortstop Jennifer Eberhardt. USF shut down UMaine's opportunities to score with groundouts.

USF scored one more in the bottom of the fourth, bringing their lead to 8-0.

UMaine freshman utility player Katlin Norton scored the Black Bears' first run after starting off the top of the fifth inning with a base hit. Norton advanced to second due to an illegal pitch and advanced to third on a passed ball and finally to home on another illegal pitch.

Junior pitcher Beth Spoehr allowed five hits and seven runs in 1 and 2/3 innings, taking the loss for UMaine. Relief pitcher Kylie Sparks continued the game, allowing five hits and one run.

USF pitcher Sam Greiner allowed three hits and no runs in six innings. Greiner struck out eight Black Bears.

Starting their Saturday, the Black Bears suffered another tough defeat against the Florida Gulf Coast, losing 8-1.

The game remained scoreless until the fourth inning when the Ea-

gles would take a 2-0 lead.

The Eagles ran away with the game in the sixth inning, scoring six more runs to bring their lead to 8-1. Florida Gulf Coast won, shutting the Black Bears out for the rest of the game.

The Black Bears took their fourth loss of the weekend against last year's College World Series runner-up team, Florida University.

A barrage of triples, doubles and a home run in the third inning gave the Gators a 5-0 advantage over the Black Bears.

Florida added three more runs to their lead in the bottom of the fifth while UMaine remained scoreless. The Black Bears took the 8-0 loss in five innings, getting only three hits in the game.



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor  
The University of Maine softball team picked up their lone victory of the week-end in their last game against Long Island University.

# Pollard for hire as assassin against Patriots

Column

If you're a Patriots fan, you probably think Bernard Pollard is an assassin for hire.

You may also think a team like the New York Jets was the one to hire him, or perhaps it was former Patriots personnel member Scott Pioli, or another AFC team looking to overcome New England.

Whatever the case may be, the six-year safety who has played for three different NFL teams likes to mess up New England's plans by getting rid of one of your players. Let's look at the rundown of the possible suspects I've just listed and compare them to the events and players.

Week 1, 2008: the scene is Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., shortly after 1 p.m. All the fans are back and looking forward to the season because last season ended on a bad note. They won every single game except the one that mattered, but I digress.

Tom Brady drops back, looking for a receiver, and is standing in the pocket when Pollard, while playing for the Chiefs, flies around the corner and rolls into his leg. With an ACL tear, Brady is out for the season.

Matt Cassel comes in for the rest of the year, and the Pats become the second team ever to record 11 wins and not make the playoffs. The Miami Dolphins win the AFC East, and an overtime loss to the New York Jets in November was one of the most brutal losses of the season.

Pioli and Cassel flee to Kansas City the next season.

A Jets loss to the Dolphins on the last day of the year ensures that the Pats miss the playoffs. The Dolphins go on to lose to the Baltimore Ravens in the first round of the playoffs.

In late 2009, Pollard struck again. This occurrence, during garbage time in a game against the Houston Texans, Pats wide-out Wes Welker is going out to receive the ball when Pollard intervenes, and Welker ends up tearing his ACL on the play. There goes their best receiver, just in time for the playoffs. New England goes into the playoffs



By Joe Sturzl

and loses to the Baltimore Ravens in the first round.

So it's 2011, the Patriots are cruising through the season, and their second-year tight end Rob Gronkowski is having a record-breaking year. He sets records for most receiving yardage and touchdowns for a tight end. He is big, fast and breaks tackles like nobody's business.

Finishing 13-3, the Patriots bulldoze through the Denver Broncos and end up meeting the Ravens, who just finished beating Pollard's old team, the Texans. During this game, the Patriots are driving in the fourth quarter when Pollard decides to destroy more of the Patriots' prospects' hopes and give the indestructible Gronkowski a high-ankle sprain.

Gronkowski plays in the Super Bowl but is limited in mobility and playmaking ability. Had he been healthy, he might have been able to prevent an interception later in their Super Bowl loss to the New York Giants.

His dance skills were not affected, but that is a different story altogether.

Where am I going with this, you might ask? Pioli and the Chiefs want Cassel, the Jets want to make the playoffs, and there is one team that has been involved in all three events, directly or indirectly. That team is the Baltimore Ravens.

The Super Bowl has gone through New England for a good part of the last decade so eliminating them in 2008 seemed to work, but they lost to the Tennessee Titans. The next year, Pollard goes to the Texans, the Pats play Houston just in time for the playoffs, and Pollard takes out Welker.

This doesn't work either, as they get past the Patriots but are taken out by the Indianapolis Colts. Baltimore decides to just sign the guy. They get past Houston, and with Pollard on the Ravens, they go after the Patriots' biggest threat in Gronkowski. But all the scheming is outdone with a dropped touchdown and Billy Cundiff pulling it left.

Pollard gets rid of big time players, and Baltimore somehow benefits. Though it was most likely a huge coincidence, fate and the football gods had to even it out at some point, and the Cundiff kick was the equalizer. Pollard and Baltimore, you had that heartbreaker coming.

If the Jets were smart, they'd be the next to acquire the assassin's services.

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## Baseball from B6

after losing 10-1 to UMaine in last year's tournament championship game. Though they posted a subpar 21-31 record in the regular season, the Great Danes displayed their resilience in the America East playoffs with a shocking victory over Stony Brook to make it to the championship.

Albany will be led this season by upperclassman Nolan Gaige, who started 52 games last season while hitting .307. Gaige also led the team with 48 runs and was named to last

year's America East All-Second Team.

### Binghamton University

Another team that stands a chance of making noise in this year's tournament is Binghamton. The Bearcats finished third in America East last season with a conference record of 13-11 before losing consecutive contests to UMaine, 4-3, and Albany, 4-1, in the tournament.

The Bearcats finished the season with the third-best batting average in America East behind Peter Bregartner and Dave Ciocchi, both of whom finished in the top five in conference hitting last season.

## Hockey from B6

ond period, the River Hawks leveled the score, as junior forward Colin Wright scored his third goal of the season. Senior forward Matt Ferreira found Wright near the left faceoff circle and beat Sullivan.

Three minutes later, UMaine took the lead back for good as Mangene scored his 13th goal of the season on the power play. Pryor found Beattie who formed a partnership with Mangene, ending with Mangene scoring his second goal in as many games.

"We were moving the puck well as a unit," Mangene told USCHO.com. "[Beattie] saw me and hit me with a perfect pass. He had a great game tonight."

After a lackluster performance the previous night, Sullivan stopped 35 of 37 shots against a top-10 offense.

"I was proud of [Sullivan]," UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead told USCHO.com. "I've been very impressed with Carr and Sully just stuck with him and showed that he can go toe-to-toe with the best in the league."

UMaine returns home for a crucial game in the Hockey East series, as they host the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. While UMaine faces the Minutemen, the other four teams that are vying for home ice in the Hockey East playoffs will play each other.

If UMaine can take care of business, they will be moving up the Hockey East ladder.

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Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine split their weekend matchups, losing to Providence College Friday night before beating the University of Massachusetts-Lowell on Saturday.

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# Women’s basketball falls at Albany, 68-55

Staff report

The University of Maine women’s basketball team couldn’t stay with the University of Albany, as the Great Danes topped the Black Bears 68-55 on Saturday.

The Black Bears fall to 6-19 and 3-9 in America East, while

Albany improves to 17-9 and 11-2 in conference.

UMaine battled with the Great Danes early on, trading baskets as senior forward Samantha Baranowski’s layup tied the game at 17 with just over 4 minutes left in the first half.

Albany managed to gain some separation toward the end of the first half, going on a 9-4 run to lead 32-24 after the first.

The Black Bears managed to narrow the gap to five, led by a second-chance bucket by freshman forward Danielle Walczak.

Turnovers plagued UMaine in the second half, with Albany scoring 27 points off UMaine miscues and taking a 15-point lead with 5 minutes to play.

Neither team shot particularly well from the floor, with UMaine’s 36 percent edging out Albany’s 31 percent shooting.

The Black Bears cut the lead to seven with under 3 minutes to play after a nice run by Walczak and freshman guard Amber Dillon, but Albany would hold on for the win.

Baranowski led the way for UMaine with 13 points and nine rebounds, while junior forward Corinne Wellington was a point shy of a double-double, finishing with nine points and 11 rebounds.

Albany was led by junior guard Ebone Henry, who finished with a game-high 25 points, including 7-7 from the free-throw line.

The Black Bears return to Alfond Arena on Wednesday for the Play4Kay fundraiser game against the University of Hartford. If the Black Bears raise head coach Richard Barron’s goal of \$10,000, he will shave his head. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

The University of Maine women’s basketball team couldn’t overcome the University of Albany, falling 68-55 on Saturday.

# UM women’s hockey swept by Northeastern

Black Bears can’t muster enough offense to help Ott in net

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

After a six-game win streak, the University of Maine women’s hockey team failed to muster

many goals at Northeastern University, getting swept in a week-end series.

The Black Bears fall to 15-10-6 and 9-8-2 in Hockey East, while the Huskies improve to 21-6-3 and 14-3-2 in conference.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine women’s hockey team’s six-game unbeaten streak was stopped by Northeastern University.

Friday night the Huskies shut out the Black Bears 4-0, as junior goalie Brittany Ott surpassed 2,000 saves for her career. She stopped 26 of 28 shots, as two of the goals were scored on an empty net.

Northeastern took the lead 6 and a half minutes into the first period when senior forward Dani Rylan scored her third goal of the season.

UMaine had opportunities to tie the game in the second period, firing 17 shots at senior goalie Florence Schelling, all of which she stopped.

Northeastern junior forward Casey Pickett doubled the Huskies’ lead late in the second period, scoring her 17th goal of the season.

The Black Bears

pulled Ott with 3 minutes remaining in the final period in hopes of sparking a comeback but it backfired, as Northeastern put in two empty-net goals.

The Black Bears went 0-6 on the power play.

Ott excelled Saturday night, stopping 44 shots, but the Black Bears could manage only one goal and fell 3-1 in Boston.

Scoring started midway through the second period when freshman defender Colleen Murphy scored during a four-on-four situation.

Ott kept the deficit at one through the second period, even stopping Northeastern leading scorer Kendall Coyne on a break-away.

Early in the third period, sophomore defender Maggie DiMasi doubled the Huskies’ lead after taking the puck from Northeastern’s defensive end and beating Ott.

Midway through the third period, the Black Bears managed to get on the scoreboard when junior forward Brittany Dougherty put in the rebound after junior defender Chloe Tinkler fired the initial shot.

Three minutes later the Huskies regained their two-goal advantage, as Coyne beat Ott for her 26th goal of the season.

The Black Bears return for their final home series of the season when they take on the University of New Hampshire this weekend. Saturday’s game is scheduled for 1 p.m., while Sunday’s finale is set for 3 p.m.

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## SUNDAY, FEB. 19

Women’s basketball  
at Vermont  
1 p.m.

Women’s hockey  
vs. UNH  
3 p.m.

## Basketball from B6

ser said.

“As guards we were leaking out a little too much,” McLemore added, “we know better than that.”

The slam by Edwards brought the deficit down to seven, which is the lowest it would be for the remainder of the game. Over the next 6 minutes, Albany would extend their lead to 15, thanks to a run by Suero.

Suero, the country’s fifth-leading scorer, finished with a game-high 28 points to go along with six assists and five rebounds.

“He picks and chooses where he wants to go,” said McLemore, who guarded Suero throughout the game. “He goes at his own speed. You have to give him credit, he scores easy.”

“He’s a good player. He’s scoring every night and he does it without hitting a 3,” said UMaine head coach Ted Woodward. “Having six assists is big today, too.”

The teams traded baskets down the stretch before UMaine scored the final five points, ending the game with an Albany win, 76-68.

Fraser paced UMaine with 21 points while McLemore added 19. Late in the second half,

McLemore became the program’s all-time leader in 3-pointers made, passing Kevin Reed’s 311. McLemore now has 313 threes made in his four-year career.

“It’s obviously an honor,” McLemore said. “I didn’t know how many I had, that’s not my goal. It’s disappointing to get it in a loss but I am proud of it. It’s hard work.”

“Gerald has had a fantastic career here,” Woodward said. “I’m fortunate to coach both Gerald and Kevin Reed, who he passed. He’s been a huge part of our



Jesse Scardina • Sports Editor

The University of Maine men’s basketball team lost their third straight game after the University of Albany topped them 76-68 Saturday afternoon in the Alfond Arena.

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*"It's disappointing to get it in a loss but I am proud of it. It's hard work."*

Men's basketball guard Gerald McLemore, on breaking UMaine's career record for threes made

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Pollard's fingerprints all over Pats' heartbreak

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# Black Bears split weekend against Hockey East rivals

Men's hockey stumbles at Providence, rebounds at No. 7 UMass-Lowell

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When the University of Maine traveled to Providence College and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell over the weekend, it was reasonable to think they could split the contests.

They did, but somewhat unexpectedly it was the 11-14-2 Friars who bested the Black Bears. UMaine avenged an earlier sweep by the River Hawks, beating UMass-Lowell 2-1 to hand them their first home loss in 11 tries.

After the weekend, the Black Bears sit at 17-9-3 and 12-8-2 in Hockey East. More importantly, the Black Bears are tied with Merrimack College for the final home playoff spot. Both squads are just two points behind the conference leader, UMass-Lowell.

## Black Bears flat against Friars

UMaine's start was similar to that of their first game against the University of Alabama-Huntsville on Feb. 3, as the Friars jumped out to an early lead.

Midway through the first period, senior forward Matt Bergland beat sophomore goalie Dan Sullivan on a rebound attempt to put Providence ahead.

Bergland doubled his money 3 minutes later, scoring off another rebound. Freshman forward Drew Brown couldn't beat Sullivan, but the deflection went right to Bergland at the right faceoff circle, and he fired it into the net.

Providence added a third goal late in the third period, after freshman center Stefan Demopoulos made a nice pass to freshman forward Shane Luke for an easy beat by Sullivan.

UMaine started to chip away at the lead 4 minutes into the second period, when junior forward Matt Mangene tipped the puck past senior goalie Alex Beaudry after junior defender Nick Pryor fired a shot toward net.

Late in the second, the Black



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Senior center Brian Flynn picked up an assist in Saturday night's 2-1 win over No. 7 University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

Bears pulled to within one thanks to a nice connection by Hobey Baker nominee, senior center Brian Flynn and senior forward Spencer Abbott. Mangene found Flynn, who made a nice pass to Abbott for UMaine's second goal of the game. It was Abbott's 16th goal of the season.

Providence regained their two-goal lead 7 minutes into the final period after junior forward Tim Schaller kept the puck on an odd-man rush to beat Sullivan for his 13th goal of the season.

The Black Bears attempted a comeback, but it was too little, too late. Junior forward Joey Di-

amond's 18th goal of the season came with just over a minute left.

Sullivan stopped 28 of 32 shots, while the Friars outshot UMaine 32-30. The Black Bears' 19-game streak of scoring during a power-play goal was snapped, as they went 0-3 on the man advantage against Providence.

## Black Bears bounce back at Lowell

The Friars denied UMaine the season sweep, but the Black Bears did the same to the River Hawks, preventing them from taking all three games from UMaine during the season.

UMass-Lowell swept the Black Bears convincingly in early November, which must have been on the Black Bears' minds as they traveled to the Tsongas Center and picked up the 2-1 win over the No. 7 team in the country.

While UMass-Lowell controlled the pace early on, UMaine snuck one in late in the first period. Senior defender Ryan Hegarty found open junior forward Kyle Beattie for Beattie's fourth goal of the season, beating sophomore goalie Doug Carr.

With 5 minutes left in the sec-

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# 2nd-chance points, turnovers down UM men's basketball

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The University of Maine men's basketball team continued to struggle in America East Conference play, falling at home to the University of Albany 76-68 on Saturday afternoon.

The Black Bears fall to 11-13 and 5-8 in America East, while the Great Danes improve to 16-12 and 8-6 in league play.

The Black Bears jumped

out to an early lead, thanks to sophomore center Alasdair Fraser who started the game 6-6.

"They weren't really playing me for the mid-range jumper," Fraser said, "so I knew I could hit it. They started to adjust."

Five minutes into the first half, the Great Danes started to apply full-court pressure, frustrating the Black Bears. UMaine turned the ball over nine times in the first half, resulting in 16 points for Albany.

Albany junior guard Gerardo Suero led the Great Danes in the first half with 10 points and five assists.

The Black Bears were paced by Fraser's 14 first-half points and senior guard Gerald McLemore's eight points.

Freshman guard Justin Edwards struggled in the first half, shooting just 1-7, while UMaine as a team shot under 40 percent in the first half, including 2-9 from 3-point range.

UMaine tried to work their

way back into the game at the beginning of the second half, with a breakaway dunk by Edwards acting as a potential catalyst. But the Black Bears couldn't get a stop, as the Great Danes continued to shoot well from the floor and capitalize on second chances for 16 offensive rebounds, which led to a 22-6 edge in second-chance points.

"They attack the glass well, we just need to box out," Frange-

See Basketball on **B5**

# Hottest NBA couples of 2012: Valentine's edition

## Column

With Valentine's Day approaching, I decided to look at the most interesting "couples" in the most intimate team sport: basketball. But rather than looking at the greatest pairings of all time, I examined the current, most captivating couples in the NBA. If the NBA had a tabloid magazine, these duos would have all had some cover time.



By **Jesse Scardina**

## Clippers: Guard Chris Paul, forward Blake Griffin

The NBA's newest "it" couple has lived up to the hype so far, with CP3 and Griffin leading the Los Angeles Clippers to a top-three spot in the Western Conference. Both Paul and Griffin were voted in as starters for the All-Star game — the first time the Clippers have ever had two starters participate.

Both are having excellent seasons, with Griffin averaging 21 points and 11 rebounds per game while Paul is second on the team in scoring with just under 19 points per game along with nine assists.

What's most important, however, is that Paul seems rejuvenated in LA and, by every indication, enjoys playing there, which makes it easier for the Clips to convince both he and Griffin to sign an extension.

## Thunder: Forward Kevin Durant, guard Russell Westbrook

While the Clippers duo is taking the NBA by storm, the tandem in Oklahoma City is saying "not so fast." The Thunder have the best record in the West and one of the brightest futures of any team, with their four best players being 23 years old or younger.

For a while, it didn't look as though Westbrook and Durant would make it, after some immaturity from Westbrook in last year's playoffs and a quick spat early this season during a Thunder win.

Regardless, Oklahoma City's management saw that their partnership was too good to mess with, and signed Westbrook to a five-year extension one year after locking Durant in.

This season, both have picked up where they left off, with Durant averaging 27 points and eight rebounds per game, while Westbrook adds 23 points, six steals and over two assists per game.

If the Thunder can build enough momentum to result in

an NBA championship, then you could see the start of a dynasty similar to the one the San Antonio Spurs formed last decade, started by a championship in a lockout-shortened season.

## Knicks: Guard Jeremy Lin and guard Landry Fields

The league's smartest duo — Fields is a Stanford alum and Lin a Harvard graduate — has Knick fans saying "Carmelo who?"

OK, that may be a stretch, but it is noteworthy that New York's record over the last four games Carmelo Anthony has missed — including the game he left after 6 minutes — is 4-0.

Fields has been pedestrian as of late — but has shown flashes of confidence, highlighted by a 16-point and 20-point performance; Lin's breakout performances make him the clear star of the relationship. After playing very little during his rookie season for the Golden State Warriors, Lin was signed by the Knicks as a free agent on Dec. 27.

For the first 22 games this season, Lin played in a total of 55 minutes. In the last five, he has played in 195 minutes, averaging 26.8 points, eight assists and two steals per game.

If he can keep up some form of that production, then he just saved New York basketball from another lengthy rebuilding process.

Not to mention their awesome, ode-to-the-nerd handshake.

## Timberwolves forward Kevin Love; Rockets forward Luis Scola

This relationship sprouted when Valentine's Day was right around the corner, which is very romantic. And Scola didn't waste any time being coy.

During a Jan. 30 matchup in Houston, Scola tried to save the ball from going out-of-bounds and attempted to throw it off Minnesota's two-time All Star. Unfortunately for Love, Scola hit his love-maker, sending him crumbling to the hardwood.

Five days later, the Rockets traveled to Minnesota and Love seemed to get his revenge. Scola and Love got tied up underneath the basket and Love seemed to push Scola off balance, felling the Argentinean to the court. Love then turned up-court and went right over Scola, stepping on his face in the process.

While no foul was called, Love was suspended for the following two games, but reports say they hashed things out after the stomping incident by getting a drink. I wonder who picked up the tab.

## Nets forward Kris Humphries; celebrity and former sex tape star Kim Kardashian

Just kidding.

## Baseball

# Stony Brook poses largest threat for Black Bears

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The reigning America East champion University of Maine baseball team will enter this season with high expectations, as well as a target on their backs.

In a conference that saw five players taken in the MLB draft, including two from UMaine, the talent pool around America East remains as deep as ever.

UMaine returns the majority of their starters, losing only first baseman Joey Martin to graduation, and center fielder Taylor

Lewis and pitcher Keith Bilodeau to the Major League Baseball draft. The Black Bears' entire infield will return, along with a strong pitching rotation.

UMaine starts their season at the end of February with a 26-game road trip beginning at Clemson University. America East play will kick off April 6 at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.



1. Stony Brook



2. Maine



3. Albany



4. Binghamton

Here's a look at three teams that figure to give UMaine the most trouble in 2012.

**Stony Brook University**  
As last year's regular season

champions, the Seawolves looked poised to take the 2011 America East crown. They faltered, however, with back-to-back losses to UMaine and the University of Albany knocking them out of the

tournament.

Stony Brook will look to avenge their disappointing post-season behind the arms and bats of three preseason All-Americans, including the 2011 America East Player of the Year, William Carmona.

The junior designated hitter led the league with a .357 batting average to go with six home runs and 40 runs batted in.

Also returning to Stony Brook

is last season's Rookie of the Year Pitcher Brandon McNitt. The sophomore posted a slim earned run average of 2.03 to go with a 7-3 record in his freshman season. McNitt figures to lead the Seawolves' pitching rotation now that their ace, Nick Tropeano, was drafted by the San Francisco Giants.

## State University of New York at Albany

The Great Danes should be hungry for revenge this season

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